

1856

Second Opium War or Second Anglo-Chinese War begins with the Arrow Incident on the Pearl River

1915

Battle of Loos ends as German forces contain the British attack, resulting in 85,000 casualties



1871

The Great Chicago Fire kills an estimated 300 people and destroys over 4 square miles (10 square km) of buildings and the original Emancipation Proclamation

2001

US President George W. Bush announces the establishment of the Office of Homeland Security

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For the first time, renewable energy has generated more power than coal. The clean energy future is no longer a distant promise – it's here. We must seize this historic opportunity & supercharge the global shift towards a better future for all.

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Glad to interact with a US delegation of thinkers and business leaders led by Mr. Walter Russell Mead. Value their contribution in strengthening India-US ties and advancing our partnership for global peace, progress and prosperity.

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Today marks two years since the horrific attacks by Hamas and other armed groups on #Israel - in which 1,200 people were killed and 251 taken hostage in Gaza. We mourn every civilian lost in those tragic attacks and all who have suffered since.

@DrTedros

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The return of Ukrainian children abducted and illegally deported by Russia is a priority for us. This is a big challenge for me, first of all, and for the diplomatic group of Ukraine.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Denmark to ban social media for under-15s

AFP | Copenhagen, Denmark

Denmark said yesterday it planned to introduce a social media ban for children under the age of 15.

Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen did not specify which social media networks would fall under the ban, nor how it would work in practice, as she announced the initiative in a speech to parliament at the opening of its autumn session.

The bill, the timeline of which remains unspecified, would authorise parents to let their child use social media from the age of 13.

"The cell phone and social media are robbing our children of their childhood," Frederiksen said, arguing that 60 per cent of Danish boys aged 11 to 19 preferred to stay home over spending time with friends.

Australia has been a leader in global efforts to prevent internet harm among young people.



Picture for representation only

In late 2024, its parliament adopted a ban on social media for under-16s, though there are still almost no details on how the measure would be enforced.

Platforms such as Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube fall under the Australian ban's

remit.

And in June, Greece proposed setting an "age of digital adulthood" across the 27-country European Union, meaning children would not be able to access social media without parental consent.



A girl pushes a broken wheelchair loaded with jerrycans along a road at a camp for people displaced by war in northern Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip

Pro-Gaza protests flare in UK on anniversary of attack

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Thousands of students protested in London and other UK cities yesterday, defying a plea from British Prime Minister Keir Starmer to skip demonstrations on the second anniversary of Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel.

Chanting "Free Palestine", students from several London universities walked out of classes at 2:00 pm (1300 GMT) to march through the centre of the British capital.

Rallies or events including vigils were also held in other UK cities, including Edinburgh, Glasgow, Sheffield and Manchester.

Writing in The Times newspaper, Starmer alleged that regular pro-Palestinian protests had been used "to attack British Jews for something over which



Police officers monitor pro-Palestinian student protesters waving flags and chanting slogans outside King's College London during an inter-university march for Gaza in London

they have absolutely no responsibility".

He called that "despicable" and "a total loss of empathy and

humanity".

"It's un-British to have so little

French sex offender Pelicot says man who abused his ex-wife knew she was asleep



Gisele Pelicot (L) sits next to her son Florian Pelicot (R) during the appeal trial in the Mazan rape case at the Nimes courthouse, southern France, in Nimes

● **Husamettin Dogan is seeking to overturn his conviction for raping Gisele Pelicot**

● **Dogan was one of 50 men found guilty of sexual abuse at Dominique Pelicot's invitation and sentenced to nine years in prison.**

AFP | Nîmes, France

Dominique Pelicot, one of France's worst sex offenders, said yesterday the only man appealing his conviction for sexually abusing Pelicot's ex-wife, knew she would be asleep and even asked for help assaulting her.

Husamettin Dogan is seeking to overturn his conviction for raping Gisele Pelicot, whose ex-husband had for over a decade recruited strangers to abuse her while she was drugged.

"I never forced anyone, they never needed me," Dominique Pelicot, 72, said in court after being extracted from prison to testify on the second day of the trial in the southern city

of Nimes.

He said that Dogan knew from the start that Dominique Pelicot was looking for someone "to abuse (his) wife while she was asleep."

Dogan protests his innocence, saying he was not a "rapist" and insisting he thought he was participating in a libertine couple's sexual game.

"I never said that," Dominique Pelicot said.

Dogan visited the couple's home on June 28, 2019. He said he only realised that something was wrong when he heard the woman snoring.

But Dominique Pelicot said that Dogan had even asked him to lift his inert wife's leg to "help him penetrate her from the side."

"I have no interest in speaking ill of anyone, except to tell the truth," he added.

In December, Dogan was one of 50 men found guilty of sexual abuse at Dominique Pelicot's invitation and sentenced to nine years in prison.

During the first trial, which lasted for nearly four months last year, Gisele Pelicot, 72, waived her anonymity, becoming an international icon and a symbol in the fight against sexual violence.

respect for others. And that's before some of them decide to start chanting hatred towards Jewish people all over again."

But protester Daniel, 19, from Kings College, London, said: "It's important to show support as a Jewish student who opposes Zionism."

He added he wanted to show "that it's not anti-Semitic to oppose what's happening right now in the Middle East, you know, the subjugation of Palestinian people."

And Briton Sim Junaid said: "I feel to be British is to stand for British values, and one of those British values should be empathy... it's about being human."

An attack outside a synagogue in Manchester on October 2 left two people dead -- one killed in the attack and the other from a fatal gunshot, likely from armed police officers.