

Roman Emperor Nero commits suicide, imploring his secretary Epaphroditus to slit his throat to evade a Senate-imposed death by flogging

Odo of Aquitaine defeats a Umayyad Muslim army at the Battle of Toulouse, halting Arab expansion in Western Europe



Book of Common Prayer is adopted by the Church of England

Congress of Vienna ends after reshaping the political map of Europe



Two men examine a fallen rocket half-buried in the ground on the outskirts of Jericho

Trump: Stop 'shooting'

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AFP | Tehran, Iran

US President Donald Trump earlier yesterday told both Iran and key ally Israel to stop fighting, following which Iran said it was ending its latest military operation against Israel after the first exchanges of fire,

Iran fired dozens of missiles at Israel overnight and Israel responded by targeting military sites in the Islamic republic, sparking fears the escalation could usher in a new full-scale conflict after the April 8 truce.

"Israel and Iran must immediately stop 'shooting.' President DONALD J. TRUMP," the US leader wrote on his Truth Social network.

Minutes later, he added in a new post that "final negotiations" towards peace were proceeding "subject to ignorance or stupidity getting in its way."

Iran's military command then said it was halting the operation against Israel after delivering a "painful response".

Shortly after, Israel's army intercepted three projectiles

China says hopes Israel, Iran maintain ceasefire

AFP | Beijing, China

China said it was "deeply concerned" Monday by fresh attacks between Israel and Iran, expressing hope that a fragile truce in the Middle East war would be

respected.

"Resuming hostilities is not in any party's interest," foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian told a news briefing, adding: "It is hoped all relevant parties will fulfil their commitment to a ceasefire."

Middle East 'does not need an escalation': EU top diplomat

AFP | Nicosia, Cyprus

EU top diplomat Kaja Kallas urged calm yesterday after Iran and Israel traded strikes, testing a fragile truce and threatening hopes for a deal to end the Middle East war.

"Overnight, we have seen escalation again. I think the region does not need an escalation, but actually that parties sit down to a negotiation table and agree," Kallas said.

fired from Lebanon, according to an AFP journalist near their shared border, with the military confirming the munitions had targeted its forces operating in Lebanon's south.

"Some of the projectiles were intercepted prior to crossing into Israeli territory, and an additional projectile fell near IDF soldiers. No injuries were reported," the military said.

'Prepared for long-term war'

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The Israeli military said it struck and dismantled Iranian defence systems deployed across several areas in the country. Iran fired nearly 30 missiles towards Israel since Sunday night, an Israeli military official said.

UK govt warns big tech over nude images sent by children

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Tech giants must stop children in Britain from being able to send and receive nude images on their devices, or be forced to do so by law, the government said yesterday.

Britain's interior ministry said it was giving companies including Apple and Google three months to introduce safety features to block children from taking and accessing naked photos on phones and tablets.

If they do not, the government will introduce legislation to "force them to activate the technology", the Home Office said in a statement.

"This is not an impossible challenge," Prime Minister Keir Starmer told delegates at the London Tech Week conference.

"These are some of the most innovative companies in the world and I believe they can solve it, but if they choose not to, then we will act and we will change the law, because when it comes to the safety of our children, standing by is not an option," he added.

The Labour government said technology companies had a "moral responsibility" to "protect children from coercion, abuse and sextortion".

India says sailors rescued off tanker ablaze off Oman

AFP | Mumbai, India

Omani authorities airlifted 24 Indian sailors off a tanker on fire off the coast of Oman yesterday, New Delhi officials said, without saying what caused the blaze.

"We are thankful to the Omani authorities for their swift response and rescue of all the 24 crew members of Indian nationality, onboard MT Marivex, and ensuring their safety," the Indian embassy in Oman said in a statement on social media.

India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways said a fire was reported at around 1:30 pm (0800 GMT) on the MT Marivex, a Palau-flagged tanker.

"There has been a fire reported on a vessel, MT Marivex, on which there were 24 Indian seafarers... all Indian seafarers are safe," ministry director Opesh Kumar Sharma told reporters.

Images posted on so-

cial media by the Forward Seamen's Union of India showed crew members being winched from the vessel by helicopter as thick black smoke billowed from its bridge and accommodation cabins. The tanker's position was shown by ship-tracking service MarineTraffic as being off the coast of Oman, south of the capital Muscat.



The Strait of Hormuz has long been a flashpoint for maritime security. During the "Tanker War" phase of the 1980s Iran-Iraq conflict, more than 400 commercial ships were attacked, including nearly 240 oil tankers, making it one of the largest assaults on merchant shipping since World War II.

Trump calls Netanyahu after Israel-Iran clashes: White House

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday,

a White House official told AFP, after the first exchanges of fire between Israel and Iran since an April ceasefire.

Netanyahu says told Trump Israel has right to self-defence

Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday he told US President Donald Trump that Israel reserved the right to defend itself against Iran at any time, despite Trump's public objections.

"Israel has a full right to self-defence, and we are exercising it as required. I say this to you, just as I say it with appreciation and respect in my good conversations with my friend President Trump," Netanyahu said in a televised statement.

Poland seizes major heroin shipment from Iran

AFP | Warsaw, Poland

Polish authorities said yesterday they had seized over a tonne of heroin from Iran, hidden in a shipment of deco-

rative bricks, at the Baltic port of Gdynia. "This is the largest operation of its kind in over a decade," Interior Minister Marcin Kierwinski said at a press conference.



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The ocean reminds us we are bound together. It shapes our climate, sustains ecosystems & economies, and feeds billions. On World Ocean Day, let's act with ambition & resolve to build a new relationship with the ocean - grounded in science & build on shared responsibility.

@antoniogetterres

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I am in #Uganda, where the government has mounted a prompt and capable response to the outbreak of #Ebola. Screening at the borders helped detect cases arriving from neighbouring #DRC, and the country's surveillance, testing and case management systems are doing steady work. Of the 19 confirmed cases so far, 14 were among people who entered from DRC and five are Ugandan nationals. Sadly, two people from DRC have died, and our thoughts are with their families. @WHO is supporting Uganda, alongside @AfricaCDC and partners across the region, as the country leads this response. With continued collaboration, I am confident this outbreak can be brought under control.

@DrTedros

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Saddened by the loss of lives and destruction caused by today's earthquake in Mindanao, Philippines. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the speedy recovery of those injured. India stands in solidarity with the people and the Government of the Philippines.

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