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Captain James Cook begins his second voyage to the South Seas aboard HMS Resolution to search for Terra Australis (Southern Continent)

1832

Source of Mississippi River discovered by American geographer Henry Schoolcraft



1835

Swedish-American inventor John Ericsson files for a patent for his screw propeller design

2024

Donald Trump survives an assassination attempt at an outdoor campaign rally in rural Butler, Pennsylvania;

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Lindsey Graham came from humble beginnings and became one of the most powerful lawmakers in the most powerful nation on Earth. His story was a fundamentally American one.

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His Highness the Father Emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, passed away today. I extend to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, to his family, and to the Qatari people all my condolences and the assurance of my friendship and that of the French people.

@EmmanuelMacron

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Today, our thoughts are with the people of Qatar as they mourn the passing of His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. May the Almighty grant him eternal peace and comfort all those who mourn his passing.

@ZelenskyyUa

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I am deeply concerned by the serious escalation & renewed military confrontations in the Gulf, including the Iranian attacks on ships in the Strait of Hormuz, the attacks by the US on Iran, and the attacks by Iran on targets in the neighboring countries.

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With United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon



British Prime Minister David Cameron



US President Barack Obama shakes hands



Queen Elizabeth II



French President Francois Hollande



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh



Spain's King Juan Carlos (2L) and Queen Sofia (R) welcome the Emir



Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono



Former US Secretary of State John Kerry



Sheikh Hamad and his wife Sheikha Moza bint Nasser Al-Missned (C) receive the World Cup trophy from Fifa President Joseph Blatte

World leaders pay tribute to Qatar's Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani

TDT | agencies

World leaders paid tribute to former leader Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani yesterday, remembering him as a visionary statesman whose leadership transformed Qatar and left a lasting mark on the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Condolences poured in from heads of state and international organisations following the announcement of his passing, with leaders praising his role in modernising Qatar, promoting regional peace and strengthening international partnerships.

UAE President HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan conveyed his deepest condolences to HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the people of Qatar, praying that Allah grant the late Father Amir mercy and Paradise while giving strength and comfort to his family and the nation.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi described Sheikh Hamad's passing as a great loss, extending heartfelt condolences to Qatar's leadership and people while praying for the country's continued security and stability.

Jordan's King Abdullah II expressed his deepest sympathies to the Qatari leadership and people, praying that Allah shower the late Father Amir with mercy and continue to protect Qatar.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he received the news of Sheikh Hamad's passing "with profound sorrow", describing him as "my dear friend".

Erdogan said he had the honour of working closely with the late Father Amir on numerous international issues and credited him with strengthening Turkish-Qatari political, commercial, military, humanitarian and cultural ties.



"He sincerely worked for peace in the Islamic world, stability in the region and the prosperity of the Qatari people. These efforts will always be remembered," Erdogan said.

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari praised Sheikh Hamad's "leadership, vision and invaluable contributions" to Qatar's progress and development, as well as his efforts to promote

regional peace and cooperation.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the late Father Amir as "a visionary leader who guided Qatar to high levels of development and prosperity".

"We remember him also as a true friend whom I had the honour of meeting during my last visit to Qatar in February 2024," Modi said, extending condolences to HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the royal family and the people of Qatar.

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Sheikh Hamad transformed Qatar into "a nation of global significance" during his 18 years as Amir.

"Under his leadership, Qatar achieved remarkable economic progress and emerged as an influential voice in regional and international affairs," he said, describing the Father Amir as "a steadfast friend of Malaysia and a respected figure across the Muslim world".

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun said Sheikh Hamad's death represented "a great loss for Qatar, Lebanon and the Arab world".

He recalled Qatar's support for Lebanon following the 2006 conflict, the reconstruction of villages and towns damaged by the war, and Sheikh Hamad's sponsorship of the 2008 Doha Conference, which helped restore political stability in Lebanon.

GCC Secretary-General Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi said the late Father Amir was among the leaders who contributed with "sincerity and wisdom" to Qatar's renaissance and comprehensive development.

He also praised Sheikh Hamad's efforts to strengthen Gulf cooperation and reinforce unity among GCC member states, saying his commitment to regional security, stability and prosperity would be long remembered.

Israel elections to be held on October 27: parliament

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel will hold national elections on October 27, the last date allowed by law, its parliament said yesterday, with the vote widely seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's leadership since the Gaza war erupted.

The Knesset, as parliament is known, is set to end its current term on July 17, allowing the ruling coalition to complete a full four-year term for the first time in decades.

"Since the current Knesset is expected to serve its full term and the next general election is already set by law for October 27, with no intention of shortening the legislature's tenure, there is no need to enact a Knesset Dissolution Law in the usual sense," parliament said in a statement.

Netanyahu, 76, is already the country's longest-serving prime minister, having served multiple, non-consecutive terms, and has declared his intention to run again.

He has said he "intends to win" the election, setting the stage for what could be the defining contest of his political life.

France powers down nuclear reactors over heatwave

Paris, France

France's main energy provider on Sunday said three nuclear reactors had been temporarily shut down and eight others were operating at reduced power due to the heatwave sweeping France.

"Due to the weather conditions and to comply with regulations on (cooling water) discharges, and thus to protect the environment," reactors at the Golfech, Bugey and Chooz plants, located on the banks of the Garonne, Rhone and Meuse rivers respectively, have been shut down, the EDF energy group told AFP.

Iraq PM to meet Trump in Washington

Baghdad, Iraq

Iraq's Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi will travel today to the United States to meet President Donald Trump in his first international visit since taking office, his government spokesperson said.

The Iraqi premier is "heading to Washington on Monday, leading a high-level delegation, at the invitation of the US president", government spokesperson Haidar al-Aboudi said.