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Boleslaw I the Brave is crowned in Gniezno, becoming the first King of Poland

1506

The cornerstone of the current St. Peter's Basilica is laid in the Vatican by Pope Julius II

1906

San Francisco earthquake and fire kills nearly 4,000 while destroying 75% of the city



1938

Superman first appears in DC Comics' Action Comics Series Issue #1, dated June 1938

Iran declares Hormuz **open** as Lebanon ceasefire begins

President Trump maintains the naval blockade despite Iran reopening the strategic Gulf shipping route

● 10-day truce begins in Lebanon

● Displaced families return to damaged homes

AFP | Tehran

Tehran announced yesterday that the Strait of Hormuz would be open to commercial shipping during the ceasefire period, as a truce came into effect in Lebanon amid ongoing efforts to secure a broader agreement between the United States and Iran.

In Lebanon, displaced families loaded belongings onto their vehicles and took advantage of the 10-day truce to return to damaged homes in south Beirut and other affected areas.

Following the ceasefire, Iran's foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said restrictions on commercial shipping through the key Gulf route would be lifted for the duration of the truce.

"In line with the ceasefire in Lebanon, the passage for all commercial vessels through Strait of Hormuz is declared completely open for the remaining period of ceasefire," Araghchi said.

A senior Iranian military official said military vessels would remain barred from the waterway.

US President Donald Trump acknowledged the announcement but said the US naval blockade targeting Iran would remain in place.

Restrictions and Ongoing Pressure

"The naval blockade will remain in full force and effect as it



People walk past destruction at Hezbollah's Sayyid al-Shuhada complex in Beirut's southern suburbs

pertains to Iran, only, until such time as our transaction with Iran is 100% complete," Trump said, referring to ongoing negotiations.

Oil prices had been declining amid expectations of a possible agreement and fell further following the announcement.

Israel's military said it was lifting wartime restrictions, allowing civilian movement and economic activity to resume, though Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned operations against Hezbollah were not over.

"We have not yet finished the job," Netanyahu said, adding that efforts would continue to ad-



Pakistan has been quietly working to facilitate renewed face-to-face talks between Washington and Tehran as part of broader regional diplomatic efforts

dress remaining threats.

Trump rejected the prospect of further Israeli strikes, stating that the United States would work with Lebanon to address Hezbollah.

Minutes before the ceasefire took effect, Israeli strikes in the southern city of Tyre killed at least 13 people and destroyed several residential buildings, according to a city official.

Despite the risks, large numbers of displaced civilians began returning to their homes.

Ceasefire Terms and Regional Tensions

Under the ceasefire terms,

Israel retains the right to act against Hezbollah to prevent attacks and will maintain a security zone along the border.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said areas near the border had not yet been cleared of militants and weapons and warned that operations could resume if necessary.

"If the fighting resumes, those residents who return to the security zone will have to be evacuated," he said. According to details released by the US State Department, Lebanon, with international support, is expected to take steps to prevent Hezbollah from carrying out attacks.



Pope Leo XIV (C) waves to the crowd from the Popemobile as he arrives to lead the Holy Mass at the area in front of Japoma Stadium in Douala on the fifth day of an 11-day apostolic journey to Africa. More than 120,000 people attended the celebration, the Vatican said based on local authority figures, with some travelling far or arriving the previous night for a chance to see the leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics

Myanmar ex-president freed from post-coup detention, Suu Kyi's sentence cut

AFP | Washington

Myanmar's former president Win Myint, detained since a 2021 military coup, was freed yesterday under a mass amnesty which, according to a source close to pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, also reduced her sentence.

Win Myint and Suu Kyi, the 80-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate, led Myanmar during a decade-long experiment with civilian rule that was abruptly halted by the coup.

The former president, who served from 2018, was pardoned of convictions handed down during the post-putsch period of mil-



Win Myint

itary rule and released yesterday, a spokesman for his party told AFP.

Suu Kyi meanwhile remains detained, serving a sentence rights groups decry as a politically motivated move to hobble her National League for Democracy (NLD) party.

A source close to her legal case, requesting anonymity for security reasons, told AFP that Suu Kyi's 27-year sentence had

been cut as part of the amnesty.

The order announced by Min Aung Hlaing -- the coup leader who ousted Suu Kyi's government and was sworn in last week as civilian president -- to reduce the remaining terms of all sentences under 40 years by one-sixth "also applies to her", the source said.

It is unclear how much of her term was considered served before the commutation order.

UN rights chief Volker Turk said that "all those detained unjustly since the coup -- including state counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi -- need to be released immediately and unconditionally".



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I welcome the announcement of a ceasefire between Israel & Lebanon, and commend the role of the US in facilitating it. I hope this will pave the way for negotiations towards a long-term solution to the conflict & contribute to ongoing efforts toward a lasting & comprehensive peace in the region. I urge everyone to fully respect the ceasefire and to comply with international law at all times.

@antonioguterres

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Morocco is a close, reliable, and strategic partner for the European Union. It was a pleasure to meet with Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita in Rabat. The EU is Morocco's largest trading partner and biggest foreign investor. This foundation of our partnership is already very solid. But we'll make it even stronger, including in areas such as maritime security and resilience against hybrid threats.

@kajakallas

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I welcome the 10-day ceasefire in Lebanon. May it lead to lasting peace. All parties must honour it fully. EU stands with Lebanon & has allocated €100M to address urgent humanitarian needs. IHL must be upheld. Civilians & humanitarian workers must be protected at all times.

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