

1805

Battle of Trafalgar: British Admiral Horatio Nelson defeats the combined French and Spanish fleet. Nelson is shot and killed during the battle.

1854

Florence Nightingale, with a staff of 38 nurses, is sent to the Crimean War



1944

US troops capture Aachen, the first large German city to fall in World War II

1948

UN rejects Russian proposal to destroy atomic weapons

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The warships which took part in today's Steampast included INS Vikrant (the review platform), INS Vikramaditya (where I had been ten years ago for the Combined Commanders' Conference), INS Surat (which was commissioned earlier this year in Mumbai), INS Mormugao, INS Chennai (which was a part of the Bastille Day celebrations 2023 in France), INS Imphal (which took part in this year's Mauritius National Day celebrations), INS Kolkata, INS Tushil, INS Tabar, INS Teg, INS Betwa, INS Deepak and INS Aditya.

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# Internet services cut for hours by Amazon cloud outage

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AFP | Paris, France

Many popular internet services, from streaming platforms to messaging services and some banks, went offline for hours yesterday due to an outage in Amazon's crucial cloud network.

The disruption affected streaming platforms, including Amazon's Prime Video service and Disney+, as well as Perplexity AI, the Fortnite game, Airbnb, Snapchat and Duolingo.

Mobile telephone services and messaging apps Signal and WhatsApp were also affected in Europe, according to DownDetector, a website monitoring internet problems.

Some UK banks, such as Lloyd's were also impacted, and



Representative picture

pointed to Amazon Web Services (AWS) as the problem.

AWS handles nearly a third of the planet's cloud infrastructure market, powering millions of apps and websites around the world.

AWS's maintenance site said its engineers scrambled to fix the underlying DNS issue once they became aware at 0711 GMT of "increased error rates" hitting multiple services.

More than four hours later, though some problems persisted, AWS said it was on the path "towards full recovery" and most of its operations were "succeeding normally".

The outage showed "how reliant we all are on the likes of Amazon, as well as Microsoft and Alphabet for many of the

online services we more or less take for granted," said financial analyst Michael Hewson.

"On an economic level it's almost akin to putting all of your economic eggs in one basket."

## Cloud leader

AWS leads the cloud computing market, followed closely by Microsoft Azure, and with Google Cloud in third place. Businesses, government and consumers around the world rely on their infrastructure for online activities.

The British government's websites were among those affected by Monday's outage, according to DownDetector, which relies on users to signal online problems they encounter.

AWS said the problem ap-

peared to originate in one of its critical infrastructure zones, the US-East-1 region, located in the US state of Virginia.

The DNS issue identified has to do with the Domain Name System protocol used on the internet to associate information with various domain names.

Although the DNS problem was "fully mitigated" at 1030 GMT, it caused a huge backlog of stymied requests that had to be worked through, AWS said.

"This major online outage underscores a stark reality: Business operations associated with one critical vendor in a region can cascade into global instability," said independent cyber analyst Rimesh Patel, quoted by the Science Media Centre, a UK charity focused on science and engineering.

"It highlights how interdependent our digital infrastructure has become," said Alan Woodward, a University of Surrey professor quoted by the same centre.



According to Microsoft, some 8.5 million devices were affected, resulting in a systems crash and users being confronted with a "blue screen of death".

## US announces attack on Colombia rebel group boat as Trump ends aid

AFP | Washington, United States

The United States announced Sunday another strike against what it called a drug-running boat, this time attacking an alleged Colombian leftist rebel vessel in an apparent expansion of a US military operation off the coasts of South America.

Word of the attack from Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth came as President Donald Trump said the United States is halting financial aid to Colombia and will announce tariffs against it on Monday. The United States has had warships deployed in the Caribbean off Venezuela since August and has attacked at least six boats it said were running drugs toward the United States, killing at least 27 people so far.

In an escalating war of words, Colombia's President Gustavo Petro said Washington was pursuing a "failed strategy" and that the attacks must end.

"The US anti-drug policy... has left a million dead in Latin America and is merely an excuse to control Latin America" and



U.S. President Donald Trump

"obtain cheap oil from Venezuela," Petro said in a post on X late Sunday.

"That is why missiles are falling in the Caribbean... on boats carrying people who, whether they are involved in drug trafficking or not, have the right to live." In a strike carried out Friday, three crew members were killed when US forces attacked a vessel affiliated with Colombia's National Liberation Army, or

ELN, Hegseth said.

Hegseth said the vessel was traveling in international waters in an area under the purview of the US Southern Command, which oversees US military operations in Latin America. He did not specify where Colombia has both Caribbean and Pacific coasts.

Trump meanwhile confirmed that the United States would be announcing tariffs on Colombia

on Monday, after the information was tweeted by Republican Senator Lindsey Graham.

"He (Trump) informed me that he is going to be hitting Colombia, not only their drug dealers and traders, but also where it hurts, in the wallet. He will be announcing major Tariffs against the Country of Colombia," Graham's post said.

## 'I don't really care' -

Trump said Saturday the United States was sending two suspected drug traffickers back to their native Ecuador and Colombia, after a military strike on their "drug-smuggling submarine" in the Caribbean that killed two others.

Asked why the suspects were not headed to the United States to be prosecuted, Vice President JD Vance said such decisions were made "depending on what the scenario is."

"What happens to them? I don't really care, so long as they're not bringing poison into our country," Vance told reporters late Sunday.

## Louvre closes for second day as France hunts jewel thieves

AFP | Paris, France

The Louvre was closed for a second day yesterday as police hunted for thieves who broke in and stole priceless jewels in a spectacular daylight robbery.

Officials said a team of 60 investigators was working on the theory that an organised crime group was behind the theft Sunday of nine pieces of jewellery, one of which -- a crown covered in more than 1,000 diamonds -- they dropped as they fled.

The thieves arrived at around 9:30 am (0730 GMT), shortly after the museum opened at 9:00 am, and completed the robbery in just seven minutes, sources and officials said.

They parked a truck with an extendable ladder like those used by movers below the Paris museum's Apollo Gallery, home to an imperial jewel collection, clamoring up and using cutting equipment to get in through a window and open the display cases.

The world-famous museum, whose extensive collections include the Mona Lisa, said it was closing for a second day. It may not open again until Wednesday, as the museum is usually shut on Tuesdays.

## Hamas meets with Gaza truce mediators in Cairo

AFP | Cairo, Egypt

A Hamas delegation was to meet Qatari and Egyptian officials in Cairo on Monday to discuss the continuation of a fragile Gaza ceasefire, a source close to negotiations told AFP.

The source said that the delegation, headed by Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya, would discuss "the dozens of airstrikes that killed dozens in the Gaza Strip" on Sunday.

Egypt and Qatar have long played a mediating role in indirect talks between Israel and Hamas, aiming to bring about an end to the war sparked by Hamas' unprecedented attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

Hamas' delegation will also meet Egyptian officials to discuss an upcoming intra-Palestinian dialogue hosted by Egypt and aiming "to unify the Palestinian factions," the source told AFP.

Hamas and Fatah have been opposed for decades, all the more so since the former's violent ousting of the latter from the Gaza Strip in 2007.

Under the US-brokered ceasefire deal an independent transitional authority, run by technocrats, has been proposed to administer Gaza.