

1570

Pius V excommunicates Queen Elizabeth I of England for heresy and persecution of English Catholics during her reign and absolves her subjects from allegiance to the crown

1836

Samuel Colt patents the first practical revolving-cylinder, multi-shot revolver, allowing it to fire multiple shots without reloading



1910

13th Dalai Lama (Thupten Gyatso) flees Tibet for British India to escape Chinese troops

1956

Nikita Khrushchev denounces Joseph Stalin at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union



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24 February marks four years since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, in violation of the @UN Charter & international law.

This devastating war is a stain on our collective consciousness & remains a threat to regional & international peace & security.

The longer the war continues, the deadlier it becomes. Civilians bear the brunt of this conflict, with 2025 witnessing the largest number of civilians killed in Ukraine.

This is simply unacceptable.

I reiterate my call for an immediate, full & unconditional ceasefire as a first step towards a just, lasting & comprehensive peace.

For peace to be just, it must be in line with international law, respecting Ukraine's independence, sovereignty & territorial integrity.

@antoniooguterres

02



Congratulations Mr. Rob Jetten on assuming office of the Prime Minister of the Netherlands. India and the Netherlands share an extensive relationship across diverse sectors. I look forward to working closely with you to add further momentum to the growing ties between our two countries and people.

@narendramodi

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Russia is systematically targeting energy infrastructure. We are helping Ukraine resist and fight back with new support. And with our 920 million "Repair, Rebuild, Restart" Plan for 2026-2027, we are preparing for next winter.

@vonderleyen

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G7 reiterate 'unwavering support for Ukraine'

"Unwavering support" on invasion anniversary

● Back US-led push for direct peace talks

● It marks the first joint declaration by G7 leaders on Ukraine since Trump's return

● Over Euro500m pledged for Ukraine's energy system

AFP | Paris, France

Leaders of the G7 global powers, including US President Donald Trump, yesterday reaffirmed their "unwavering support for Ukraine" in a statement on the fourth anniversary of Russia's invasion. It marks the first joint declaration by G7 leaders on Ukraine since Trump's return to the White House a year ago, noted France, which holds the G7 presidency this year.

"We express our continued support for President Trump's efforts to achieve these objectives by initiating a peace process and bringing the parties to direct discussions. Europe has a leading role to play in this process, joined by other partners," the leaders of the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan said.

They also noted their support for the so-called Coalition of the Willing which has offered security guarantees to Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire, adding "that only Ukraine and Russia, working together in good faith negotiations, can reach a peace agreement". Moscow



Ukraine's Defence Minister Denys Shmygal (C) poses for a photo with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, European Council President Antonio Costa and other European leaders as they visit the Darnytska combined heat and power plant damaged by Russian air strikes in Kyiv, as Ukraine marks the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion

had hoped to take Kyiv in days when it launched its invasion on February 24, 2022.

Instead, four years later, hundreds of thousands have been killed, millions forced to flee and much of eastern Ukraine has been destroyed.

In the midst of another winter of combat, the G7 said it has provided financial support along with "critical equipment" in recent weeks such as generators and turbines to aid the country's energy supplies.

Since January, "more than half a billion euros of new pledges were made to the Ukraine Energy Support Fund to purchase equipment to repair and protect the Ukrainian energy system," the statement said. The United States has been pushing to end the conflict, mediating talks between the two sides this year in Geneva and Abu Dhabi, but they remain at odds over the issue of territory.



The Russian army seized more territory during the fourth year of the Ukraine war than in the preceding two years combined, according to an AFP analysis of data from the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). Since February 24, 2025 -- the third anniversary of Russia's invasion -- Moscow's troops have taken 4,524 square kilometres (1,750 square miles), an area slightly larger than the US state of Rhode Island, according to data from the ISW.

US TV anchor offers \$1 million in mother's abduction

AFP | Washington, United States

US TV anchor Savannah Guthrie said yesterday her family is now offering up to \$1 million for a tip leading to the recovery of her mother, who was kidnapped 24 days ago.

Guthrie acknowledged that her mother might now be dead, in what would be a tragic end to a case that has gripped America and baffled police since Nancy Guthrie, 84, went missing from her home in Tucson, Arizona on February 1.

Despite a frantic search for the older woman, police have not identified a suspect in the case.

Fighting back tears in a post on Instagram, Guthrie said she and her sister and brother now accept their mother may be dead.

"We know that she may be lost," Guthrie said. "She may already be gone."

But the family needs closure, she added.

"We need her to come home. For that reason, we are



Savannah Guthrie's 84-year-old mother, Nancy, (right) reported missing; police suspect possible abduction.

offering a family reward of up to one million dollars for any information that leads us to her recovery," Guthrie said.

"Someone out there knows something that can bring her home," Guthrie said. "Somebody knows."

Federal investigators are offering \$100,000 for information leading to the older woman's location or the arrest of her

captors. The FBI has released photos and video of a masked person approaching Guthrie's home on the night of the kidnapping but has failed to identify a suspect.

Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos said last week that investigators had ruled out Nancy Guthrie's family members as having any involvement in her disappearance.

BY INVITATION

Bahrain Can Be A Hub for Carbon Capture



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Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) is a cutting edge technology tool used worldwide to capture Co2 emissions from industrial sources such as power plants and factories and prevent these emissions from entering the atmosphere. Such captured carbon is repurposed for making products like fuels, plastics and concrete besides achieving net zero targets. In terms of storage, under CCUS the Co2 is compressed and injected into secure underground rock formations. In today's world of oppressive climate change conditions, CCUS is crucial as it mitigates emissions from hard to abate sectors like cement, steel and chemical production.

In the realm of CCUS, Bahrain is making impressive strides. According to studies Bahrain's geological carbon storage capacity exceeds its domestic needs, thereby creating opportunities for cross border carbon sequestration and in the process be on the path to become a regional hub for carbon capture and storage. Already as of late 2023 Bapco Energies and Mitsui O.S.K Lines signed an MOU for transporting liquified Co2 from Asia-Pacific region to permanent storage sites in Bahrain. This is also in line with Bahrain's aim to achieve net zero target by 2060. But a lot more is possible in the field of CCUS to make it more efficient and help in making net zero emissions a faster reality.

In addition to the outstanding measures already undertaken by Bahrain in the field of CCUS, the nation can look at using advanced technology to lower the costs so that long term sustainability of the initiative is assured. Similarly, measures such as the creation of market demand for synthetic fuels such as sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) or green methanol can help replace fossil-based alternatives. Additionally, the mineralisation of Co2 for usage building materials can further help reduce carbon footprint and related emissions. Bahrain can also put captured Co2 to large scale use for producing green urea thereby increase agricultural yield in eco friendly manner.

Bahrain can also scale up CCUS mainstreaming strategies such as Direct Air Capture (DAC) and enhancing chemical and biological conversion. Furthermore, the development of carbon nanomaterial from captured Co2 is an emerging field with significant potential. Carbon nano-materials such as carbon nanotubes and graphene have exceptional properties that make them highly useful in electronics, energy storage and construction. These materials can be synthesised using Co2 as a carbon source, turning harmful greenhouse gas into a resource for advanced technologies. These measures can help cement Bahrain's regional leadership in CCUS and help fight climate change.

Bahrain has solid Carbon capture, storage & utilisation credentials, which can be further improved with advanced technology based strategies.

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