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The Ship "Le Grand St Antoine" reaches Marseille, bringing Europe's last major plague outbreak. Kills around 100,000.

1810

In the May Revolution, citizens of Buenos Aires expel the Spanish Viceroy Cisneros during Semana de Mayo



British House of Commons passes the Irish Home Rule Bill

1914 1961

JFK announces the US goal of putting a man on the Moon before the end of the decade

Gaza Hospital Says Child among Three Killed in Israeli Strike



Residents inspect the rubble of a building that belongs to the Palestinian family of Abu Saif and was destroyed by an Israeli airstrike in Nuseirat, central Gaza Strip

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

A pre-dawn Israeli airstrike killed three members of a Palestinian family, including a one-year-old child, in central Gaza on Sunday, a hospital said.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital in Deir el-Balah said it had received the bodies of a couple and their infant after an Israeli strike hit a residential apartment in the Al-Nuseirat camp before dawn.

The hospital said around 10 people were wounded. There was no immediate

comment from the Israeli military about the three deaths, though it said it had struck three Hamas weapons storage facilities in central Gaza over the preceding 24 hours.

A ceasefire has been in place in Gaza since October, but Israel reserves the right to strike targets it deems a threat.

At least 890 Palestinians have been killed since the October 10 ceasefire, according to Gaza's health ministry, which operates under Hamas authority and whose figures are considered reliable by the UN.

The Israeli military says five of its soldiers have also been hit during the same period.

Russian army confirms launching nuclear-capable Oreshnik missile at Ukraine

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russia confirmed yesterday to have launched a nuclear-capable Oreshnik hypersonic ballistic missile at Ukraine in massive overnight strikes.

"In response to Ukraine's terrorist attacks on civilian infrastructure on Russian

territory, the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation carried out a massive strike using Oreshnik ballistic missiles, Iskander air-launched ballistic missiles, Kinzhal hypersonic air-launched ballistic missiles and Tsirkon cruise missiles," as well as in a statement.



Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at the site of a heavily damaged building following Russian strikes to the Ukrainian capital in Kyiv

Pakistan train blast kills at least 24 in Balochistan

Quetta, Pakistan

A blast targeting a train carrying military personnel killed at least 24 people yesterday in Pakistan's turbulent southwestern province of Balochistan, a senior official said.

Army servicemen were among the victims of the attack in the provincial capital Quetta, which wounded more than 50 people, the official told AFP.

The attack, which was claimed by the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) militant group, was branded a "cowardly" act of terrorism by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Images showed a mangled train carriage on its side as people clambered over the wreckage to find survivors. People could be seen carrying blood-soaked victims on stretchers away from a derailed car, while armed security forces stood guard. The local official told AFP that the train carrying army personnel and their family members was going from Quetta to Peshawar in Pakistan's northwest.



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According to international humanitarian law, parties to conflict must distinguish between civilians & combatants at all times. Attacks against civilians & civilian objects are prohibited. No more disregard for the law. No more disregard for humanity.

@antoniouterres

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I am grateful to all our services currently working at the sites of Russia's overnight strikes: units of the State Emergency Service, the National Police, and municipal services. Everyone is acting as effectively as possible, given the scale of the attack and its consequences

@ZelenskyyUa

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#WHA79 delegates met this week against a backdrop of outbreaks, conflict, division, uncertainty and constrained resources. That is exactly the point of multilateralism: not to pretend the difficulties of our world are not there, but to address them together.

@DrTedros

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We are bringing justice to some of America's most vulnerable citizens and justice to the American taxpayer...if you are committing fraud, our task force will find you. We'll come after you, and we will not rest until justice is served

@VP

US blockade of Iran 'will remain in full force' until agreement signed

No more Strait crisis

Hormuz reopening at core of proposed deal

Agencies

The proposed US-Iran understanding places reopening the Strait of Hormuz at the centre of efforts to calm global energy markets after months of disruption to one of the world's busiest oil shipping

routes.

President Donald Trump said an agreement with Tehran had been "largely negotiated", while Secretary of State Marco Rubio suggested the world could receive positive news within hours.

Iran has controlled Gulf shipping traffic since the conflict erupted, while Washington imposed a naval blockade on ships travelling to and from Iranian ports. Trump stressed that reopening the waterway formed a major part of the understanding under discussion.

Iran's Fars news agency reported that the draft arrangement would restore passage through the Strait of Hormuz to pre-war levels under Iranian management. The report also said Washington would end its naval blockade and temporarily lift sanctions on Iran's oil, gas and petrochemical sectors during negotiations.

The waterway normally carries about a fifth of global oil exports, making any disruption a major concern for world energy markets. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen welcomed "progress towards an agreement", while British Prime Minister Keir Starmer called for international efforts to "seize this moment".

Despite the diplomatic momentum, tensions remain high. Iranian negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf warned that any renewed US military action would trigger a stronger response from Tehran.

The Directorate General of Civil Defense said early yesterday its regional facility in the southern city of Nabatieh had been destroyed by an Israeli strike.

Lebanon civil defense says Israeli strike destroys its Nabatieh facility



Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli strike that targeted the Nabatieh village in southern Lebanon

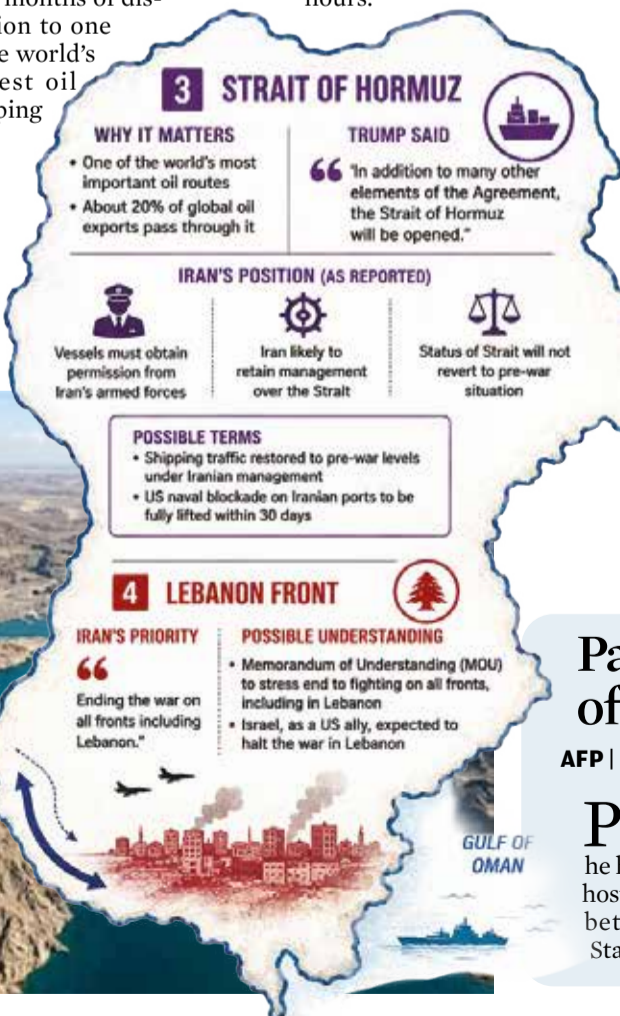
AFP | Beirut

The Directorate General of Civil Defense said the building had collapsed and a large number of vehicles and equipment had been damaged by a "direct hit in a hostile Israeli strike."

It added there were no reports of casualties among its personnel, who had been moved to another location before the incident.

The civil defense agency condemned "this attack on a center dedicated to humanitarian and relief work," stressing that it was facing "growing risks and challenges" in carrying out its operations.

Israeli strikes in Lebanon have continued despite a truce that came into effect on 17 April, with Israel saying it is targeting Iran-backed Hezbollah.



Despite its importance, no major alternative sea route can fully replace Hormuz for Gulf oil exports.

Pakistan hopes to host new round of Iran-US talks 'very soon': PM

AFP | Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Sunday he hoped his country could soon host the next round of peace talks between Iran and the United States.

"Pakistan will continue its peace efforts with utmost sincerity and we hope to host the next round of talks very soon," Sharif, whose country has played a key role in mediating between Washington and Tehran, posted on X.

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