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Battle of Stamford Bridge: English army under King Harold II defeat invading Norwegians led by King Harald Hardrada and Harold's brother Tostig, who were both killed

1513

Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crosses the Panama Isthmus becoming first European to see the Pacific Ocean

1784

US Congress proposes the Bill of Rights



1906

Leonardo Torres Quevedo successfully demonstrates the Telekino at Bilbao before a great crowd, guiding a boat from the shore, considered the birth of the remote control

Kim says open to talks if drops double standards

to declare end of Korean War is premature



Kim Yo Jong (L), sister and close adviser to North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un (top C), brings a bouquet of flowers as he and South Korea's President Moon Jae-in (R) pose with children after meeting at Panmunjom in 2018 (file photo) official KCNA news agency.

Talks stalled

South Korea should change its attitude and foster the conditions for a meaningful discussion on ways to end the conflict and improve ties, she said.

"What needs to be dropped is the double-dealing attitudes, illogical prejudice, bad habits and hostile stand of justifying their own acts while faulting our just exercise of the right to self-defence," Kim said.

"Only when such a precondition is met, would it be possible to sit face to face and declare the significant termination of war and discuss the issue of the north-south relations and the future of the Korean peninsula."

North Korea has for decades been seeking an end to the war but the United States has been reluctant to agree unless North Korea gave up its nuclear weapons.

Expectations were raised that a declaration on ending the war, even if not an actual treaty, would be made during a historic summit between then US President Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un in Singapore in 2018.

But that possibility, and the momentum on talks that those two leaders generated over three meetings, came to nothing. Talks have been stalled since 2019.

Moon, a liberal who has made improving ties with North Korea a priority, sees ending the war as a way to nudge forward the effort to press North Korea to give up its nuclear and ballistic missile arsenals in return for US sanctions relief.

But his call looks unlikely to break the deadlock.

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fidant North Korea would eventually see it was in its interests to reopen dialogue with the United States but he was not certain if that would come before his term ends next year.

"It seems that North Korea is still weighing options while keeping the door open for talks, since it is only raising tension at a low level, just enough for the US to not break off all contact," he told reporters on his way home from New York.

US President Joe Biden said in his own UN address that he wanted "sustained diplomacy" to resolve the crisis surrounding North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes.

North Korea has rejected US overtures to engage in dialogue and the head of the UN atomic watchdog said this week that its nuclear programme was going "full steam ahead".

Biden discusses Indian Bidens with Modi, and asks 'Are we related?'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in talks with US President Joe Biden
AFP | Washington

"Are we related?" U.S. President Joe Biden asked India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi when they met at the White House yesterday.

"Yes!" Modi joked in reply.

At the start of his first bilateral White House meeting with Modi as leaders, Biden explained that he had learned about an Indian branch of the Biden family when he was first elected to Congress in 1972 and received a letter from someone called Biden living in Mumbai.

"I found out that there was a Captain George Biden, who was a captain in the East India tea company," Biden said.

"That's hard for an Irishman to admit!" he quipped, referring to the East India Company, which laid the foundations of the British Empire but ceased to exist more than 150 years ago.

Biden said he learned that George Biden stayed in India and married an Indian woman, but added: "I've never been able to track it down, so the whole purpose of this meeting is for him to help me figure out who he was!"

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"Today I have brought along some documents... Maybe those documents could be of use to you!" he told Biden, who chuckled in response.

US-India relations have grown steadily closer and Washington considers India a key partner in its effort to push back against Chinese influence in the Indo-Pacific region. After their meeting, Biden and Modi were to join the leaders of Japan and Australia in the so-called Quad grouping to discuss that effort.

Bannon, Meadows subpoenaed probe of Capitol riot



White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows speaks to reporters following a television interview (file photo)

stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 as Congress was meeting to certify Democrat Joe Biden's election victory, delaying that process for several hours as then-Vice President Mike Pence, members of Congress, staff and journalists fled from rioters.

Nearly 600 people have been arrested on charges tied to the attack. It was the worst violence at the seat of the US government since the British invasion during the War of 1812.

Gunman kills one and then himself at Tennessee supermarket, 12 wounded

Reuters | Memphis, Tennessee

A gunman killed one person, wounded 12 and then apparently killed himself at a Tennessee supermarket on Thursday, pursuing panicked shoppers and employees as they fled down the aisles while some took refuge in store freezers, police said.

Of the 12 wounded, one was in surgery and another in intensive care after the shooting in the Memphis suburb of Collierville, Police Chief Dale Lane told reporters. A 13th person was treated for an anxiety attack, he said.

Police arrived on the scene almost immediately after the shooting at the Kroger grocery in Collierville, a town of about 50,000 some 30 miles (50 km) east of Memphis in southwestern Tennessee.

"We found people hiding in freezers and in locked offices. They were doing what they had been trained to do - run, hide, fight," Lane told reporters, calling the gun violence "the most horrific event that has occurred



Emergency personnel respond to a shooting at a Kroger supermarket in suburban Memphis, Tennessee

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in Collierville history." Lane withheld information about the shooter while investigators attempted to determine if anyone else may have assisted

him in the attack, although he did say there was no evidence of terrorism.

WREG-TV reported the shooter was an employee who had been fired on Thursday, citing an unnamed law enforcement source.

Brignetta Dickerson, a Kroger employee, told WREG that she instructed fellow employees and customers when the shooting broke out to follow her to the back of the store and closed the door behind them, but the gunman followed.



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The majority of Americans who were fully vaccinated with Pfizer can receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their second shot. This includes people over 65, those with underlying medical conditions, and those in front-line jobs.

@POTUS

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Young people: You are leading the charge for urgent #ClimateAction. Keep sounding the alarm of the climate emergency engulfing our planet. As we prepare for #COP26, keep pushing governments for a commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050.

@antonioGutierrez

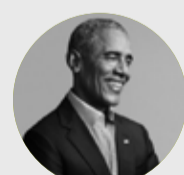
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#COVID19 has exposed the global burden of #mentalhealth conditions & highlighted the need for concerted action to prevent & treat them. @WHO supports @FIFACOM's #ReachOut campaign to increase mental health awareness & to encourage those who are struggling to seek help.

@DrTedros

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If we want to give our children and grandchildren a brighter future, the wealthiest Americans and large corporations must pay their fair share in taxes.

@BarackObama

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Bannon was fired by Trump August 2017 but they later mended fences and stayed in contact