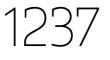
TODAY IN HISTORY

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



Treaty of York signed between kings Henry III of England and Alexander II of Scotland which establishes a boundary between the two countries (mostly unchanged in modern times)

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



Henry Ford announces an 8 hour, 5-day work week for workers at the Ford Motor Company

# **Issia stiffens penalty for** ender, replaces top general

ks deputy defence minister after battlefield defeats that revealed widespread logistical problems



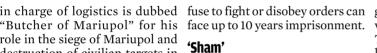
Two boys cheer at passing vehicles from their mimicked checkpoint at the curve of a road in Chuhuiv, Kharkiv region

role in the siege of Mariupol and destruction of civilian targets in the city

Russia's partial mobilisation 15 years imprisonment. announced on Wednesday will likely be one of his first big logisists being called up needing to seeks to bolster the ranks. be equipped and trained before deployment.

to leave, with flights full and annex four regions of Ukraine, neighbouring countries receiving which ends next Tuesday. an influx of Russians, including hicles were waiting to enter at for the respect of "sovereignty one crossing, regional Russian and territorial integrity" authorities said.

servicemen who desert, surren- Kherson and Zaporizhzhia in der "without authorisation", re- the south.



Looting will be punishable by

A separate law, also signed yesdreds of thousands of reserv- the Russian army as the Kremlin

On Friday, US President Joe Bid-Military-age men have sought voting on whether Russia should

The voting is being held in Rus-Now that President Vladimir sian-controlled areas of Donetsk Putin has signed the legislation, and Lugansk in the east, and



Ukrainians have reported armed soldiers going door-to-door in occupied parts of the country to collect votes for self-styled "referendums" on joining Russia

For four days, authorities are going door-to-door to collect votes. Polling stations then open President Volodymyr Zelensky and the law of Ukraine". Tuesday for residents to cast ballots on the final day. Results are -- were badly damaged by shellexpected as early as late Tuesday ing. or Wednesday.

"Ultimately, things are moving **Evidence of 'war crimes'** terday, facilitates Russian citizen- towards the restoration of the tical challenges with the hun- ship for foreigners who enlist in Soviet Union. The referendum is association Mykhailo Kyrylenko one step towards this," Leonid, a looked proudly at the new roof 59-year-old military official, said. taking shape.

The snap referendums were en has dismissed as a "sham" the announced just this week after ey, but they agreed" to donate the Ukrainian counter-offensive funds to gradually restore the Ukrainian officials said they had seized most of the northeast shattered homes, he said. Kharkiv region -- bringing hun-Even Beijing, Moscow's closest dreds of settlements back under Moscow would use "all means" Georgia where 2,300 private ve- ally since the war began, called Kyiv's control after months of to protect its territory -- which Russian occupation.

Irpin, close to the capital, was recaptured after weeks of fighting could include the use of "strategic and residents have rallied to start nuclear weapons". rebuilding before winter sets in. Irpin -- dubbed a "hero city" by "crimes against international law gunshot wounds."



Two men pose for a photo in front of motorcade organized to support voting in a referendum in Luhansk, eastern Ukraine

for holding back Russian invaders

"People don't have much mon-

former Russian leader Dmitry Medvedev said on social media of torture," said Kharkiv regional

Over 100 apartment blocks in polls, on Friday calling them hands tied, with broken limbs and

G7 nations declared the polls will "never" be recognised and have "no legal effect or legitimacy"

UN investigators on Friday Head of his building's residents' accused Russia of committing war crimes on a "massive scale" in Ukraine -- listing bombings, executions, torture and horrific sexual violence.

In the eastern Kharkiv region, exhumed 447 bodies from a site Putin this week warned that near the city of Izyum, which was recaptured from Russian forces. "Most of them have signs of

violent death, and 30 have signs governor Oleg Synegubov.

"There are bodies with rope Zelensky has denounced the around their necks, with their



Tince the signing of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, +4.3 million metric tonnes of food have been moved, bound for 29 countries. Food prices have dropped sharply but are still almost 8% higher than last year. Shipments must increase so commodity markets can further stabilize.

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m oth \ Earth \ \& \ Jupiter}_{(as \ do \ all \ planets)}$ have oval orbits around the Sun. Every now and then, Earth is farthest from the Sun while passing Jupiter when it's closest to the Sun. That's what's going on next week, accounting for Jupiter's extra brightness in the night sky.

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met with PRC Foreign Minister Wang Yi today in NYC. I reiterated the need to maintain open lines of communication and discussed ways to responsibly manage the U.S.-PRC relationship, especially during times of tension. @SecBlinken

# #ChinaCoup trends on Twitter



n migrant shipwreck off Svria: new toll

Lebanese Red Cross and Palestinian rescue team ambulances carrying dead bodies cross a border point between Lebanon and Syria, in Arida, north Lebanon



Since 2020, Lebanon has seen a spike in the number of migrants using its shores to attempt the perilous crossing in jam-packed boats to reach Europe

been mired in a financial crisis branded by the World Bank as one of the worst in modern times. It has become a launchpad for illegal migration, with its own citizens joining Syrian and Palestinian refugees clamouring to leave. As many as 150 people were on board the small boat that sank off the Syrian port of Tartus, some 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Tripoli in Lebanon, from where the migrants set sail.

Those on board were mostly Lebanese and Syrians and Palestinians, and included both children and the elderly, the UN said.

# **TDT** | Agencies

Rumours are doing the rounds on social media that Xi has been removed as the chief of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) and China's capital, Beijing, is currently under the army's control.

The news comes a day after a former top security official was sentenced to life in prison by the Chinese court. He was believed to be part of anti-Xi "political clique". Another two people associated with the group were similarly given suspended death sentences and three others received lengthy prison terms this week.

Other rumours circulating on the Internet include Li Qiaom- Meanwhile, rumor has it that ing, the General serving for the #XiJinping was under arrest af-Chinese PLA, has replaced Xi ter #CCP seniors removed him Jinping as China's ruler.

However, there is no official Communist Party or the state media about these rumours.

A Chinese human rights activist Jennifer Zeng, who is now the world. More rumours claim in the country and the jailings residing in the US, shared a video on Twitter and claimed the China were grounded without of smoke, which means there PLA was moving toward Beijing. any explanation on Friday. Zeng's tweet reads: "#PLA



military vehicles heading to #Beijing on Sep 22. Starting from Huanlai County near Beijing & ending in Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province, entire procession as long as 80 KM. as head of PLA."



author, also based in the US, There are also rumours that replied to Zeng's Tweet and confirmation from the Chinese both international and domestic wrote: "This video of military flights to and from Beijing have vehicles moving to #Beijing been halted and that the city comes immediately after the has been cut off from the rest of grounding of 59% of the flights nearly 60 per cent of flights in of senior officials. There's a lot is a fire somewhere inside the Gordon Chang, a Chinese #CCP. #China is unstable."



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