

Roman Emperor Julian is killed during retreat from the Sassanid Empire. General Jovian is proclaimed Emperor by troops on the battlefield.

The first 62 recipients receive the Victoria Cross for valor in the Crimean War from Queen Victoria



First US troops arrive in France during World War I

The United Nations Charter is signed by 50 nations in San Francisco

US Supreme Court paves way for mass deportation of Haitians, Syrians

Washington, United States

The US Supreme Court on Thursday backed a Trump administration move to strip deportation protections from some 350,000 Haitians and 6,000 Syrians living in the United States.

The conservative-dominated court, in a 6-3 ruling, said the Department of Homeland Security's decision to end Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian and Syrian immigrants was not subject to judicial review.

TPS protects its holders from deportation and is granted to

people deemed to be in danger if they return home because of war, natural disaster or other extraordinary circumstances.

Lawyers for Haitian and Syrian TPS holders contended during oral arguments before the court in April that conditions in their home countries remained unsafe and the administration's move was motivated at least in part by racial hostility. Justice Samuel Alito, who wrote the majority opinion, rejected claims that race was a "motivating factor" in President Donald Trump's decision.

Israel says will only withdraw troops from Lebanon after Hezbollah disarmed

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Israel said yesterday that it would only withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon after Hezbollah was disarmed, as the two countries engaged in US-mediated talks in Washington.

The Israeli military has launched widespread airstrikes in Lebanon and sent troops into the country's south after Hezbollah, the powerful militia backed by Iran, entered the Middle East war on the side of its patron in March.

"We will not withdraw our forces from southern Lebanon as long as Hezbollah remains a threat, are not disarmed and



An excavator clears rubble from the site of a collapsed building, following Israeli bombardment in Nabatieh in southern Lebanon

are not demilitarised," David Mencer, a government spokesman, said in a briefing to journalists.

Oman says 'no transit fees' in any future arrangement on Hormuz

Hormuz tolls risk 'total chaos'

Rubio warns during meeting with Gulf ministers

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio warned yesterday that charging ships to pass through the Strait of Hormuz would create "total chaos", as Oman confirmed it opposed imposing transit fees on one of the world's busiest maritime routes.

The remarks came after Rubio met Gulf foreign ministers in Bahrain at the close of his three-day regional tour, amid continuing discussions over the future of navigation through the strategic waterway.

Oman's top diplomat said no transit fees would be imposed in the Strait of Hormuz after Muscat and Tehran, which border the key waterway, had earlier said they were discussing service "costs".

Badr Albusaidi said "future arrangements regarding the Strait do not entail the imposition of any transit fees," during a meeting of Gulf foreign ministers in the Bahraini capital Manama with US Secretary Marco Rubio -- whose administration

has repeatedly opposed any fees or tolls.

Rubio said international waterways must remain free from charges imposed by individual states, warning that allowing countries to levy fees on shipping routes would set a dangerous global precedent.

"If we accepted that countries could charge for the use of international waterways simply because they lie near their territory, it would spread throughout the world like a contagion," he said.

Oman, however, distanced itself from the proposal. Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi said future arrangements for the Strait of Hormuz would not include transit fees, according to a statement from his ministry.



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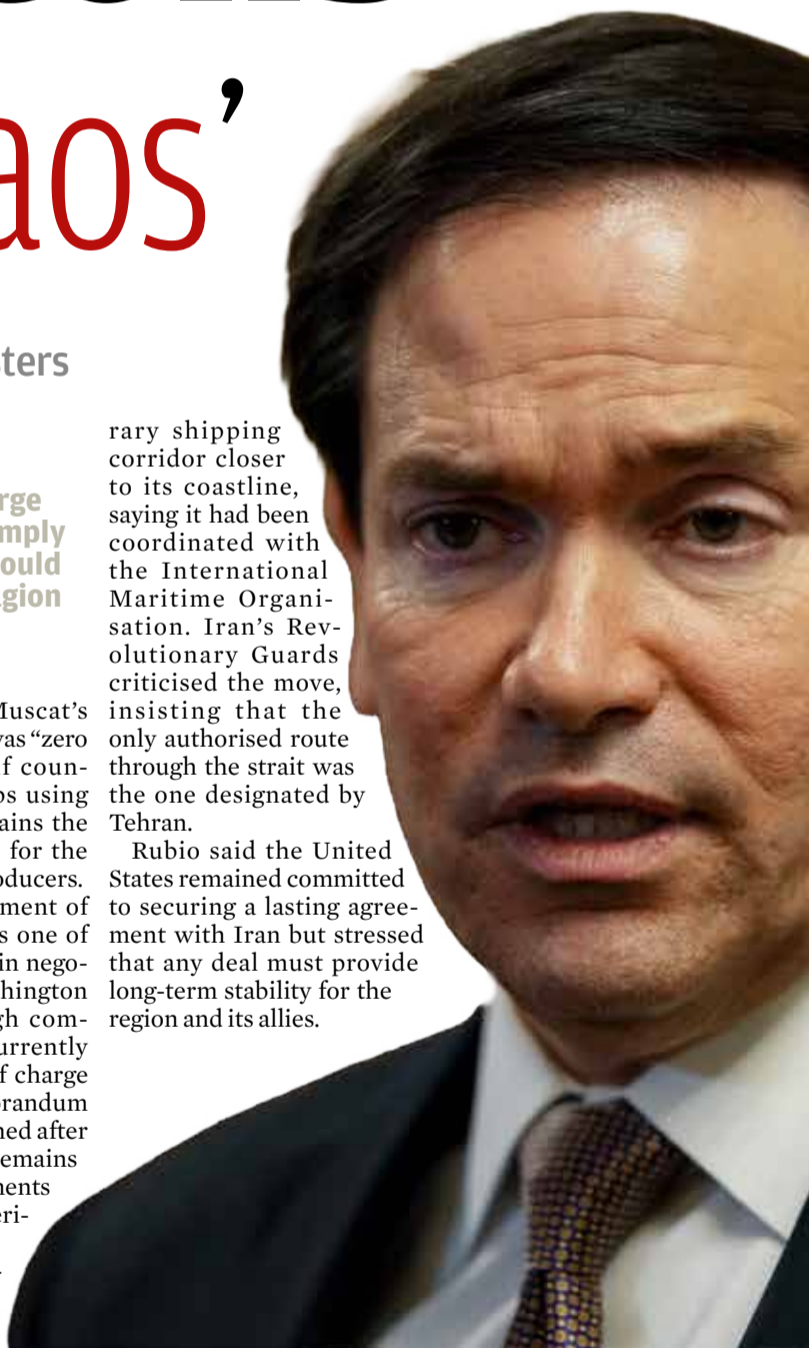
Rubio welcomed Muscat's position, saying there was "zero support" among Gulf countries for tolls on ships using the strait, which remains the primary export route for the region's oil and gas producers.

The future management of the waterway remains one of the unresolved issues in negotiations between Washington and Tehran. Although commercial vessels are currently allowed to pass free of charge under a 60-day memorandum of understanding reached after the recent conflict, it remains unclear what arrangements will apply once that period expires.

Adding to the uncertainty, Oman recently announced a tempo-

rary shipping corridor closer to its coastline, saying it had been coordinated with the International Maritime Organisation. Iran's Revolutionary Guards criticised the move, insisting that the only authorised route through the strait was the one designated by Tehran.

Rubio said the United States remained committed to securing a lasting agreement with Iran but stressed that any deal must provide long-term stability for the region and its allies.



Heatwave bakes 100 mn Europeans at over 35C

Paris, France

At least 101 million Europeans were forecast to swelter in temperatures of over 35C on Thursday, as scores of people were thought to have been killed by the heatwave.

France and Spain, among the countries worst hit, began counting the toll from the extreme temperatures, including

a three-year-old boy who got trapped in his family's car.

AFP calculations based on forecasts from the German weather service and 2025 population projections from the European Joint Research Centre indicated that more than 380 million people would face temperatures of over 30C.

The UN's climate chief Simon Stiell said the heatwave

-- made worse by buildings and infrastructure unsuited to such temperatures -- "has the fingerprints of the climate crisis all over it".

"Until humanity stops burning colossal amounts of coal, oil and gas, extreme heat will keep getting worse," he added.

The deputy director of the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service, Samantha Burgess, said

the hot weather was due to a "heat dome" of trapped air from north Africa

in a low-lying high-pressure system, preventing cooler air from moving in.



Europe is the world's fastest-warming continent. Temperatures there have been rising at roughly twice the global average since the 1980s.



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The clean energy future is already here. Renewables are the cheapest, fastest and most reliable source of new power. But the transition is still not fast & fair enough. This is our moment of choice, truth & opportunity to truly supercharge a global clean energy transition.

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Now that we know the political significance of my \$8.75 coral maternity dress from Old Navy, can't wait to hear what the New York Times has to say about my elastic-waistband pants and compression socks! In the meantime, enjoy my pregnancy fashion (or lack thereof) and a good story with your kids on Storytime with the Second Lady.

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A great meeting with Mr. Andy Jassy. I welcome Amazon's record \$48 billion investment in India. This will create new opportunities for our youth. At the same time, it shows the growing interest across the world to invest in India

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The @EU_Commission is coordinating the European response to the earthquake via our Civil Protection Mechanism. We stand ready to offer more, including medical assistance.

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