

1820

Russian Antarctic Expedition led by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and Mikhail Lazarev discover the continent of Antarctica

1825

US Congress approves Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma), clearing the way for the forced relocation of the Eastern Indian tribes via the "Trail of Tears"

1888

The National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C. for "the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge"



1924

Lenin placed in Mausoleum in Red Square, Moscow

India marks Republic Day with Egyptian president as guest

● India showcases military might in Republic Day parade

AP | New Delhi

Tens of thousands of people endured a winter chill and mist yesterday as they gathered to watch a parade in the Indian capital showcasing the country's defense capability and cultural heritage on a newly revamped ceremonial boulevard. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sissi looked on as an official guest at India's Republic Day event, which marked the anniversary of the adoption of the country's constitution on Jan. 26, 1950, nearly three years after it won independence from British colonial rule.

A 144-member band and marching contingent from the Egyptian Armed Forces also joined battalions of the Indian military and police in the parade.

El-Sissi, in a blue suit and matching tie, was flanked by Indian President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who wore a saffron-and-yellow-coloured turban.

Scores of women, men, school-



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (C) shaking hands with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi as India's President Droupadi Murmu (L) watches upon their arrival to attend the Republic Day parade



Indian defence forces march through the ceremonial Kartaya Path boulevard during Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi

“We will move together to fulfil the dreams of the heroes of our freedom movement”

NARENDRA MODI

children and folk dancers in colourful dresses performed cultural and fusion dances down the boulevard amid big cheers from the crowd.

Howitzer guns, tanks, super-sonic cruise missiles, anti-tank missiles and armoured personnel carriers were displayed at the parade, with hundreds of men from police and military battalions marching along. Stunt performers

on motorbikes also joined from the presidential palace.

Other participants included a camel-mounted regiment with its moustachioed riders led by a shiny brass band with tubas.

The 90-minute parade ended with a flypast featuring 75 air force fighters, including Rafale jets, transport planes and heli-

copters.

Rajpath Avenue, built by India's former British rulers, was redeveloped as part of India's 75th-anniversary celebrations of independence the past two years. It is lined on both sides by huge lawns, canals and rows of trees, and has been renamed "Kartavya-path" (Boulevard of Duty).



For the first time the parade was held in the revamped colonial-era boulevard that hosts India's most important government buildings, following years of renovations at the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationalist government

Workers who helped refurbish the boulevard, their families and maintenance workers were seated in front of the main dais during the parade as part of this year's theme: "Participation of the Common People."

machete in churches



A stabbing incident at a church in Algeiras

YOU KNOW WHAT
Algeiras is near the southern tip of Spain, resting across from a bay from Gibraltar. It is home to an important port with ferry connections to northern Africa

sports top in handcuffs through a police station. Police have not released details of his name or nationality. Local media, including El Pais newspaper, said he was a 25-year-old Moroccan.

Onions now cost more than meat products in the Philippines

Julia Cassano
TDT | Manama

Although onions are a staple in Philippine cuisines and dishes, many have cut back on the use of the vegetable as the cost of onions continues to soar.

Onions are a staple vegetable in many Philippine households and are often used with garlic as a base of many traditional dishes; however, the skyrocketing prices has led families to rationing the vegetable or using cheaper options of vegetables in their cooking.

Red and white onions were selling for as much as 600 Philippine pesos (4.1 BD) to 700 Philippine pesos (4.8 BD), sources report.

National Public Radio (NPR) reports that locals would usually purchase around two to three kilos of onions a day; however, as the cost of onions skyrocket, many are rationing and only using half an onion.

Jane Marie, a Philippine national, told The Daily Tribune: "I have noticed prices rising up to 700 pesos per kilo in Manila, which is an absurd amount to pay for onions in the Philippines and many are now frustrated as they cannot afford to purchase onions."

"From my personal experience, this is not a normal situation, and I am noticing many people resorting to using green scallions or different kinds of vegetables in their cooking to



Onions displayed at a shop in the Philippines

save money. However, using scallions or other kinds of vegetables to replace onions does not give the same flavour to our traditional dishes."

Sources are now reporting that onions have become three times as expensive as chicken and 25 percent to 50 percent more expensive than pork or beef.

The Daily Tribune went out to speak to the Philippine population in Bahrain regarding the soaring prices of onions and they told us: "Most of our family members live in the Philippines, and it is already difficult for them to survive on their current salaries and cost of living."

"Our families have said that the increase of prices could have resulted from the weather and seasons, as well as hoarding during the Christmas season which is when the prices started to rise. Many of our families have

asked us to bring or send onions to them as they simply cannot afford to pay the cost."

The Bureau of Customs claims to have intercepted smuggling syndicates that have attempted to import large amounts of onions through cargo shipments that were labelled as clothing items or home products.

Why has the Philippines experienced a shortage of onions?

Business World reported that the onion shortage has been blamed on the failure of the Department of Agriculture to properly control supply and demand for the commodity, which has resulted in a delay in turning to imports.

The Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food, Inc. claimed they have failed to import the vegetable which is why there is a shortage currently. Additionally, it is usual during



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the festive seasons that demand increases for various products; however, this should be planned and anticipated for.

Business World reports that the shortage is estimated at about 40,000 to 50,000 metric tons, and that imports should have been placed in July and August to meet the current demand. However, the products were not imported, and this results in supply being low whilst now, the demand is high.

Now, The Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food are expecting farmers to plant more onions because of prices, which means they can expect a large harvest by April, whilst the government must prepare for more cold storage.



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The world is facing multiple crises, but this is not the time for short-term thinking or knee-jerk fiscal austerity. Bold & targeted measures, international support & debt restructuring can help turn around the world economy.

@antonioguerres

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Among targets of today's mass missile strike, Russia struck Odesa causing massive power outages. This destruction is Putin's response to @UNESCO inscribing Odesa on its World Heritage List yesterday and placing it under reinforced protection of the World Heritage in Danger List.

@DmytroKuleba

03



The United States is committed to imposing costs on corrupt officials who undermine democracy and the rule of law. Today we announce the designation of former Panamanian President Ricardo Alberto Martinelli Berrocal for his involvement in significant corruption.

@SecBlinken

04



Changed my name to Mr. Tweet, now Twitter won't let me change it back

@elonmusk

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