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Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London burns down during a performance of "Henry VIII"

1939

Ford introduces the revolutionary Ford-Ferguson 9N tractor incorporating Harry Ferguson's three-point hitch system



1941

6,000 Jews are murdered in a pogrom in Bucharest, Romania

1966

US planes bomb North Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, and the port city of Haiphong for the first time in the Vietnam War

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Remembering Shri PV Narasimha Rao Garu on his birth anniversary. India is grateful to him for his effective leadership during a crucial phase of our development trajectory. His intellect, wisdom and scholarly nature are also widely admired.

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The solution to the horrific humanitarian crisis in Gaza is ultimately political. The only sustainable path to re-establishing hope in Gaza is by paving the way to the two-State solution. Diplomacy and human dignity for all must prevail.

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A huge rulling by the Supreme Court, smacking down the ridiculous process of nationwide injunctions. Under our system, everyone has to follow the law--including judges!

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With @rafaelmgrossi Director General of the @IAEAorg. France stands firmly alongside the IAEA, whose role is vital for nuclear safety and security. It is urgent that the Agency be allowed to resume its mission in Iran.

@EmmanuelMacron

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# 'Window of opportunity'

Qatar urges Israel, Hamas to work towards truce



Palestinians look at the sand covering their tents and vehicles after the Israeli army targeted the tents of displaced people in the northern Al-Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City

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AFP | Doha, Qatar

Gaza mediators are engaging with Israel and Hamas to build on momentum from this week's ceasefire with Iran and work towards a truce in the Palestinian territory, Qatar foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said.

Israel and Iran on Tuesday agreed to a ceasefire brokered by the United States and Qatar just hours after the Islamic republic launched a salvo of missiles towards the wealthy Gulf state, targeting the American military base hosted there.

The unprecedented attack on Qatari soil followed Washington's intervention into a days-



Palestinians walk past the rubble and a destroyed vehicle in the Al-Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip after a house was targeted by an Israeli strike

long war between Israel and Iran which saw US warplanes strike Iranian nuclear facilities, prompting promises of retaliation from Tehran.

In an interview with AFP on Friday, Ansari said Doha -- with fellow Gaza mediators in Washington and Cairo -- was now "trying to use the momentum that was created by the ceasefire between Iran and Israel to restart the talks over Gaza".

"If we don't utilise this window of opportunity and this momentum, it's an opportunity lost amongst many in the near past. We don't want to see that again," the spokesman, who is

also an adviser to Qatar's prime minister, said.

US President Donald Trump voiced optimism on Friday about a new ceasefire in Gaza saying an agreement involving Israel and Hamas could come as early as next week.

Mediators have been engaged in months of back-and-forth negotiations with the warring parties aimed at ending 20 months of war in Gaza, with Ansari explaining there were no current talks between the sides but that Qatar was "heavily involved in talking to every side separately".

'The right pressure'

A two-month truce, which was agreed as Trump came into office in January, collapsed in March with Israel intensifying military operations in Gaza afterwards.

"We have seen US pressure and what it can accomplish," Ansari said referring to the January truce which saw dozens of hostages held by Hamas released in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

The Qatari official said particularly in the context of US enforcement of the Israel-Iran truce, it was "not a far-fetched idea" that pressure from Washington would achieve a fresh truce in Gaza.

"We are working with them very, very closely to make sure that the right pressure is applied from the international community as a whole, especially from the US, to see both parties at the negotiating table," Ansari said.

There were no casualties on Monday when Iran targeted Al Udeid, the Middle East's biggest US base and headquarters of its regional command.

Ansari said that as leaders were weighing their response to the attack, a call came from the US president to Qatar's emir, saying "there is a possibility for regional stability... and that Israel has agreed to a ceasefire".

"Qatar could have taken the decision to escalate," Ansari said. "But because there was a chance for peace... we opted for that," he said.

Huthis say fired missile at Israel  
Sanaa, Yemen

Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels said they fired a ballistic missile towards Israel yesterday, in response to Israel's conduct towards Palestinians during the Gaza war.

In Israel, warning sirens sounded in several areas, before the army announced the "missile was most likely successfully intercepted".

It was the first missile launch against Israel announced by the Huthis since the June 24 ceasefire between Israel and Iran which followed their 12-day war.

In a statement, rebel military spokesman Yahya Saree said the Huthis had fired at a "sensitive Israeli enemy target in the occupied area of Beersheba using a Dhu al-Fiqar ballistic missile".

The attack was in "response to the crimes of the criminal Zionist enemy against civilians in the Gaza Strip", Saree added.

Thousands of protesters demand Thai PM's resignation  
Bangkok, Thailand

Thousands of anti-government protesters rallied in the Thai capital Bangkok on Saturday, demanding Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra resign after a leaked diplomatic phone call stirred public anger.

A Cambodian elder statesman leaked a call meant to soothe a border spat between the two nations in which Paetongtarn called him "uncle" and referred to a Thai military commander as her "opponent".

A key party abandoned Paetongtarn's coalition, accusing the 38-year-old dynastic premier of kowtowing to Cambodia and undermining Thailand's military, leaving her teetering with a slim parliamentary majority.

About 10,000 demonstrators jammed roads ringing the capital's Victory Monument, waving Thai flags and placards reading "Evil PM, get out".

One speaker took to the stage and shouted: "PM, you committed treason!"

The crowd was mostly senior-aged and led by veteran activists of the "Yellow Shirt" movement, which helped oust Paetongtarn's father Thaksin in the 2000s.



"Red Shirt" supporters hold a picture of fugitive former premier Thaksin Shinawatra