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Samuel de Champlain shoots and kills two Iroquois chiefs at Ticonderoga, New York setting the stage for French-Iroquois conflicts for the next 150 years

1905 1921

US Secretary of War William Howard Taft makes secret agreement with Japanese Prime Minister Katsura agreeing to Japanese free rein in Korea in return for non-interference with the US in the Philippines

Adolf Hitler becomes leader of the National Socialist German Workers Party



1949

Moscow ends the blockade of West Berlin

Leading global power, says Blinken



Welcoming Blinken Modi said, "Good to meet US Secretary of State @SecBlinken today. I welcome President Biden's strong commitment to strengthen the India-US Strategic Partnership, which is anchored in our shared democratic values and is a force for global good."



Jaishankar and Blinken hold a joint news conference at Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan (JNB) in New Delhi

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ANTONY BLINKEN



India's Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken deliver opening remarks as they sit down to meet at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India

ing together in a continued partnership," Blinken wrote.

He also held discussions with other officials yesterday before calling on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Later in the day, Blinken announced a US\$25 million support to India through USAID to back India's COVID-19 vaccination programme.

"Today, I'm proud to announce an additional \$25 million from the US government, through @USAID, to support India's COVID-19 vaccination programme. The United States' support will help save lives by strengthening vaccine supply chains across India," he tweeted.

The two sides also discussed supplies of COVID-19 vaccines and

the human rights records of both countries, the ministers told a joint news conference, and the Quad alliance, a security group that also includes Australia and Japan and has also angered China.

Asked about China taking umbrage at Indo-Pacific security cooperation and the Quad, Jaishankar told the news conference:



Blinken and US Ambassador to India Atul Keshap deliver remarks to civil society organization representatives in a meeting room at the Leela Palace Hotel in New Delhi, India



Blinken and US Ambassador to India for the warm welcome

"For groups of countries to work together is not strange.... People need to get over the idea that somehow other countries doing things is directed against them."

Speaking to a group of civil society leaders at a New Delhi hotel, Blinken said that the relationship between the United States and India was "one of the most important in the world".

"The Indian people and the American people believe in human dignity and equality of opportunity, the rule of law, fundamental freedoms including freedom of religion and belief... these are the fundamental tenets of democracies like ours," he said.

"And of course, both of our democracies are works in progress. As friends, we talk about that."

In yet another tweet thanking the US Ambassador of India for the warm welcome, Blinken said, cooperation between our two nations continues to grow, and

the work of @USandIndia, @USAndKolkata, @USandChennai, @USandMumbai, and @USandHyderabad to strengthen our ties with the Indian government and people truly makes a difference.

Blinken also held a meeting with a representative of the Dalai Lama in New Delhi yesterday.

Meets Dalailama's representative

Blinken met briefly with Ngodup Dongchung, who presented him with a scarf from the Dalai Lama, a senior State Department official said. Dongchung serves as a representative of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), also known as the Tibetan government in exile.

"The Dalai Lama obviously is a globally revered spiritual leader and so the gesture was gratefully received and appreciated," said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

For bride caught up in Beirut blast



ring the wedding in the moment of August 4 explosion Israa Seblani walks outside Rafik Hariri University Hospital, in Beirut, Lebanon



The video was seen round the world - one heartstopping moment among many families' stories on the day a huge explosion rocked the Lebanese capital.

gether until they find a new base away from the economic crisis of their homeland.

"We are looking for security, we don't want money, we are not looking for a fancy life, we just want security," Seblani said.

She may also be looking for somewhere where people will recognise her for other reasons.

"Of course I feel happy that people know me wherever I go, and I am sure everyone likes to be famous, but I prefer to be famous in a different way, because when people call me the famous bride or bride of Beirut, I remember the bad moments."

who lost their children, children who lost their parents, or the destruction that happened, and be happy. I won't lie to myself."

They plan to be at work on

their first anniversary to keep themselves busy: she at the Rafik Hariri University Hospital, he at his clothing business.

"This is a day during which we

can't have any plans," said Subeih, 34, "This is a day of sadness and sorrow, it's a black day, a day of mourning for all Lebanon."

Seblani returned to the United

States, where she had been working, in September, but coronavirus restrictions prevented Subeih from joining her. She went back to Lebanon so they could be to-



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TWEETS

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Central Government is closely monitoring the situation in the wake of the cloudbursts in Kishtwar and Kargil. All possible assistance is being made available in the affected areas. I pray for everyone's safety and well-being.

@narendramodi

02



So honoured to meet His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of #Kuwait. I thanked him for Kuwait's generosity in supporting humanitarian & health crisis responses. @WHO welcomes Kuwait's solidarity in the fight against #COVID19 & for #VaccinEquity.

@DrTedros

03



Today's announcement makes clear that the most important protection we have against the Delta variant is the vaccine. Although most U.S. adults are vaccinated, too many are not and that has to change.

@JoeBiden

04



We're now almost halfway to our target of recruiting 20,000 new police officers by 2023.

@BorisJohnson

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