

1146

European leaders outlaw the crossbow, intending to end war for all time

1590

Tokugawa Ieyasu enters Edo Castle (Traditional Japanese date: August 1, 1590)



1682

William Penn leaves England to sail to the New World

1862

Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, ends with a Confederate victory over Union forces

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@WHO is scaling up its response to #Nepal's flood emergency further, releasing US\$150,000 in immediate funding, with additional resources expected to be released as needs assessments continue.

@DrTedros

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Nuclear tests shatter trust, fuel a nuclear arms race & betray every community still living with the legacy of past nuclear tests. I call on all countries possessing nuclear weapons to maintain existing moratoria & bring the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty into force. Let's re-commit to ending nuclear testing.

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This deal is a huge win for both the American and Venezuelan people. It demonstrates how President Trump's bold foreign policy is driving America First wins: securing stable reserves and low-cost oil in our Hemisphere and lowering gas prices here at home. For the Venezuelan people, this deal will bring nearly \$100 billion in private investment, support thousands of high-paying jobs, and drive the reconstruction of Venezuela's economy.

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Over the next few days, will be in Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic!

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Trump announces deal for huge US stake in Venezuelan oil reserves

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said Friday his administration has reached a huge oil deal with Venezuela that gives the United States majority control of 65 billion barrels of proven petroleum reserves.

In a Truth Social post, Trump called this "the biggest oil deal in world history" and said it will more than double US oil reserves.

Venezuela has operated under intense pressure and close

scrutiny from the Trump administration since the US ousted and captured long time ruler Nicolas Maduro in January. It allowed his then vice president, Delcy Rodriguez, to stay on and serve as interim leader so long as she toes the US line.

Trump said Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth had reached this new oil deal with Rodriguez "through a partnership with private business."

"This Transaction will great-

ly strengthen the already growing relationship between Venezuela and the United States!" Trump wrote.

He did not say what Venezuela gets out of the arrangement.

But the news site Axios reported Thursday the two countries were in talks on a dozen productive oil fields with 90 billion barrels of proven reserves -- about a third of Venezuela's total proven reserves of 300 billion barrels. Axios quoted two US officials.

Russia blows up arms depot near Kyiv, killing 37

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Russia struck an arms depot near Kyiv overnight, sparking fires and explosions that killed 37 people and wounded dozens of others, authorities said yesterday.

AFP reporters saw plumes of black smoke over the capital's western suburbs, while videos published by Ukraine's rescue services showed firefighters battling a large blaze overnight.

The attack was the second to hit a munitions depot near Kyiv in less than two months, and prompted angry calls from Ukrainian officials to stop storing munitions near residential areas.

Both Russia and Ukraine have intensified long-range strikes on each other in recent months, pushing civilian casualties to their highest level since Moscow invaded in 2022.

"Those who allowed this to happen must be held accountable for their decisions... ammunition cannot be stored near homes or other residential areas," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a post on X.

The depot was owned by the Ukrainian military and stored drones, shells and other munitions, he said in a later video address.

At least 37 people were killed in the blast, among them the



A Ukrainian rescuer stand next to a truck with a spray of water as they work to extinguish a fire in a warehouse following an air attack at an undisclosed location in the Kyiv region

mayor of the nearby town of Dmytrivka, Kyiv region governor Tymur Tkachenko said on Telegram.

"Rescuers and all relevant services are continuing their operations at the scene of the tragedy," Tkachenko said.

Hundreds have been forced to evacuate, he said earlier.

Ozon warehouse hit

Russia launched at least two missiles and 267 drones at Ukraine between late Friday and early Saturday, according to the Ukrainian air force.

In addition to the depot strike, Russian attacks on Ukraine killed three people on Saturday, including a two-year-old infant in Kyiv and a 14-year-old girl in the capital's outer suburbs, officials said.

In Russia, Ukrainian strikes killed three people in the Belgorod region and caused a fire at a warehouse belonging to Russian retailer Ozon, officials said.

A strike on the city of Sevastopol in Crimea killed one person, according to Sevastopol's Russian-installed governor.

US-led diplomatic efforts to end the conflict, Europe's deadliest since World War II, have been at a standstill for months.

Russia has demanded sweeping territorial and political concessions from Ukraine, which Kyiv has ruled out as tantamount to capitulation.

Earlier this week, US Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe visited Moscow on an unannounced trip, amid escalating tensions in the four-and-a-half-year war.

Iran's president admits sanctions impacting economy

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian has admitted that US sanctions on his country are hurting its economy, despite just days ago insisting they would achieve nothing.

"Some say sanctions have no effect at all; to those people, I really don't know what to say," Pezeshkian told state TV in an interview late on Friday.

"We are in a war situation, and we must accept these war-time conditions," he added.

On Monday, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent laid out plans for the "economic asphyxiation" of Iran, warning of dire consequences for countries that do not join the American



campaign.

The new measures build on a sanctions regime by the US and allies that has been in place

since 2018 when President Donald Trump withdrew from an international deal struck with Tehran on its nuclear programme.

Pezeshkian said Friday that Iran's exports and imports had fallen by 25 to 35% in recent months as the US maintains a naval blockade of Iranian ports.

The president said the price of petrol should be increased in Iran to account for the fall in trade.

"We should raise the price of the third-tier quota... For example, from 5,000 toman to 10,000 toman," he added.

That quota refers to one of several consumption rates that determine the price an Iranian consumer is charged.

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Paying the price for the climate crisis



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When a wall of ice and mud collapses thousands of miles away in the Himalayas, it is remarkably easy to shrug it off as somebody else's distant problem. But the recent, horrifying catastrophe in Nepal—where a glacier collapse triggered a tsunami of debris that swept away entire villages—is a wake-up call we can no longer afford to snooze through. Climate change is not some polite theoretical debate for future generations; it is a brute reality tearing down mountains right now.

To put the sheer scale of this disaster into perspective, imagine a frozen behemoth with an alleged width of 2,000 feet breaking loose. Picture laying that staggering chunk of ice right across the sweeping expanse of the Bahrain World Trade Centre towers, and you begin to grasp the terrifying magnitude of what gave way on the roof of the world. So far, the Nepal-Tibet tragedy has resulted in over 600 deaths at the time of going to press and thousands missing. When nature unleashes power on that scale, no borders can keep us safe unless our laws and climate policies finally catch up with the crisis.

We desperately need governments worldwide to stop treating environmental legislation like an optional bureaucratic tick-box exercise. Every nation, big or small, needs stringent, legally binding climate policies that actually match the terrifying speed at which our planet is warming. If countries continue to drag their feet, these catastrophic events will become a grim routine.

Yet, in moments of profound heartbreak, humanity's better instincts shine through. Here in Bahrain, where a vibrant community of around thirty thousand Nepalese nationals live, work, and call our islands a second home, the response to the tragedy has been deeply personal. The Kingdom has officially expressed its heartfelt sympathy and solidarity with Nepal, while local communities rally together to support families shattered by the floods. Any day now, we will undoubtedly start actively collecting aid also for the stricken and our sympathy and actions will be a powerful reminder that while environmental crises know no borders, neither does human empathy.

Ultimately, solidarity in the aftermath of a disaster is only half the battle. If we want to honour the lives lost in the valleys of Nepal and the mountains of Tibet, governments globally must rewrite their playbook. We need robust environmental laws that curb emissions, protect fragile ecosystems, and treat climate change for what it truly is: an emergency knocking loudly at our front door.

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