

1492

Queen Isabella I of Castile and King Ferdinand II of Aragon issue the Alhambra Decree expelling Jews from their kingdoms

1657

English Parliament presents the Humble Petition and Advice to Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell, offering him the crown, but he declines



Eiffel Tower officially opens for dignitaries and an award ceremony in Paris, France; designed by Gustave Eiffel and built for the Exposition Universelle, at 300 meters high, it holds the record for the tallest man-made structure for 41 years

1889

1920

British Parliament accepts the Government of Ireland Act, known as the Fourth Home Rule Bill



First responders work on the rubble of a building targeted by an Israeli airstrike in the southern Lebanese village of Hanouiyeh, east of Tyre

## Kuwait says one killed in Iranian attack on desalination plant

**NDTV** Indian worker was killed and a service building at a major power and water desalination plant sustained significant damage following what authorities described as Iranian strikes on Sunday evening. According to a statement issued by the ministry's official spokesperson, the strike targeted a service building at one of Kuwait's power and water desalination plants, resulting in the death of the Indian national and "significant material damage" to the facility. "A service building at one of the power and water desalination plants was attacked as part of the Iranian aggression against the State of Kuwait.

# Focus on Kharg island

**Great progress has been made but, if for any reason a deal is not shortly reached, which it probably will be, and if the Hormuz Strait is not immediately 'open for business,' we will conclude our lovely 'stay' in Iran by blowing up and completely obliterating all of their electric generating plants, oil wells and Kharg Island (and possibly all desalinisation plants), which we have purposefully not yet 'touched'**

US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

## Spain shuts airspace for US planes involved in Iran war

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spain's leftist government has closed Spanish airspace to US planes carrying out missions against Iran, in addition to denying Washington use of its bases, the latest step in the country's opposition to the conflict.

Defence Minister Margarita Robles confirmed the airspace closure to reporters on Monday after Spain's El Pais newspaper first reported on it, quoting military sources.

"This was made perfectly clear to the American military and forces from the very beginning. Therefore, neither the bases are authorised, nor, of course, is the use of Spanish airspace authorised for any actions related to the war in Iran," Robles said.

"I think everyone knows Spain's position; it's very clear," the minister added, calling the war on Iran "profoundly illegal and profoundly unjust".

Spain had already said earlier this month that the US could not use jointly operated military bases in the war, which Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has described as "unjustifiable".



The image captured by the Copernicus Sentinel-2 satellite shows a view of Iran's Kharg Island, which hosts the country's main crude export terminal and is responsible for the overwhelming majority of its oil shipments to the world, about 30 kilometres south of the mainland in the north of the Gulf, on March 2, 2026.

## Iran Confirms Senior Guards Navy Commander Killed In Israeli Strike

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran confirmed yesterday that Revolutionary Guards naval commander Alireza Tangsiri has died from wounds sustained in an Israeli air strike, marking a significant escalation in the ongoing shadow war between the two rivals.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) announced the commander's death in a statement carried by its official Sepah News outlet, stating that Tangsiri "succumbed to severe injuries" following the attack.

Israel had claimed responsibility for the strike earlier this week, saying it had targeted the senior naval commander. Tangsiri, who led the IRGC's naval forces, was a prominent figure in Iran's military establishment and had overseen naval operations in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian officials have yet to announce plans for retaliation, though tensions in the region are expected to rise sharply in the coming days.



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Every day, we throw away enough to prepare 1 billion meals – while letting 9% of humanity go hungry. We cannot take food for granted. Together, let's build the zero-waste food systems we need to nourish both people & planet.

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Israel's expanding military operations in southern Lebanon have resulted in the death of yet another health worker today. A paramedic was killed in a strike on an ambulance in Bint Jbeil. Additionally, a medical warehouse in the same city was destroyed in an attack.

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Pleased to speak with Prime Minister of the Netherlands Rob Jetten today. We discussed ways to further strengthen India-Netherlands ties. Highlighted the potential of our partnership in areas such as semiconductors, mega water projects, green hydrogen and talent mobility. Also exchanged views on the situation in West Asia and emphasized the need for early restoration of peace and stability in the region.

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