

1917

In China, Sun Yat-sen and his supporters' 'rump' parliament establishes a military government and elects Sun Yat-sen as commander-in-Chief

1945

The Liberal Party of Australia is founded by Robert Menzies

1994

The Provisional Irish Republican Army (Sinn Féin) declares a ceasefire in Northern Ireland



1997
Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in a road tunnel in Paris

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

LIFE IS NEVER FAIR, AND PERHAPS IT IS A GOOD THING FOR MOST OF US THAT IT IS NOT
OSCAR WILDE

News in brief

◆ **France accused Moscow** yesterday of using energy supplies as "a weapon of war" after Russia's Gazprom cut deliveries to a major French customer and said it would shut its main gas pipeline to Germany for three days this week. European governments are trying to coordinate a response to soaring energy costs for businesses and households and to fill storage facilities ahead of peak demand in the winter.



France accuses Russia over gas supply as Nord Stream shutdown looms

Western nations fear that Moscow is deliberately driving up gas prices to try to weaken their opposition to its invasion of Ukraine, a tactic Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Monday dubbed "economic terrorism". Moscow denies the charge. Nord Stream 1, the main conduit for Russian gas into Europe, has become a flash point in the dispute. Europe faces a further squeeze on supplies this week as Gazprom shuts off the pipeline for maintenance from Wednesday till the early hours of Saturday.

◆ **Iraq's powerful cleric** Moqtada al-Sadr ordered his followers to end their protests in central Baghdad on Tuesday, easing a confrontation which led to the deadliest violence in the Iraqi capital in years. Apologising to Iraqis after 22 people were killed in clashes between an armed group loyal to him and rival Shi'ite Muslim factions backed by Iran, Sadr condemned



Sadr calls off protests after worst Baghdad violence in years

the fighting and gave his own followers one hour to disperse. "This is not a revolution because it has lost its peaceful character," Sadr, a former anti-U.S. insurgent leader, said in a televised address. "The spilling of Iraqi blood is forbidden." As the deadline passed at around 2 p.m. (1100 GMT), Sadr's followers could be seen beginning to leave the area in the fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad where government offices are located and where they had occupied parliament for weeks.



UN appeals for \$160 mln to help Pakistan amid 'epochal' floods

◆ **The United Nations appealed** yesterday for \$160 million to help Pakistan as army helicopters rescued stranded families and dropped food packages into inaccessible areas following "epochal" rains and flooding. The historic deluge, mainly triggered by abnormal monsoon rains, has killed more than 1,100 people, affected 33 million, and destroyed homes, businesses, infrastructure and crops. "The Pakistani people are facing a monsoon on steroids - the relentless impact of epochal levels of rain and flooding."

Taiwan shoots at Chinese drone

● The drone headed back to China after the shots were fired

Reuters | Penghu, Taiwan



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen delivers a speech during her visit to a naval base in Suao, Yilan

Taiwan fired warning shots at a Chinese drone which buzzed an offshore islet yesterday shortly after President Tsai Ing-wen said she had ordered Taiwan's military to take "strong countermeasures" against what she termed Chinese provocations.

It was the first time warning shots have been fired in such an incident amid a period of heightened tension between China and Taiwan, which Beijing views as its own territory. Taiwan strongly disputes China's sovereignty claims.

The drone headed back to China after the shots were fired, a military spokesman said.

Taiwan has complained of Chinese drones repeatedly flying very close to small groups of islands it controls near China's coast, most recently by the Kinmen islands, as part of military drills by Beijing.

China has carried out the exercises around the island after a visit by US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi this month.

Kinmen defence command spokesman Chang Jung-shun said the live rounds were fired just before 6 p.m. (1000

GMT) at the drone which had approached Erdan islet, with flares being used previously. The drone then flew off back to China, he said.

There was no immediate response from China. On Monday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry dismissed Taiwan's complaints about the drones as nothing "to make a fuss about".

Footage of at least two drone missions showing Taiwanese soldiers at their posts, and in one case throwing rocks at a drone, have circulated widely on Chinese social media.

Speaking earlier on Tuesday

while visiting the armed forces on the Penghu islands, Tsai criticised China for its drone and other "grey zone" warfare activity.

"I want to tell everyone that the more the enemy provokes, the more calm we must be," Tsai told naval officers. "We will not provoke disputes, and we will exercise self-restraint, but it does not mean that we will not counter."

She said she had ordered the defence ministry to take "necessary and strong countermeasures" to defend their airspace. She did not elaborate.

YOU KNOW WHAT

Taiwan has been settled for at least 25,000 years. Ancestors of Taiwanese indigenous peoples settled the island around 6,000 years ago.

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	96,091,120	1,069,499	606,851,269
2 India	44,419,671	527,829	
3 France	34,482,603	153,967	
4 Brazil	34,397,205	683,718	6,490,740
5 Germany	32,095,854	147,223	
6 UK	23,492,875	187,761	Recovered: 582,707,553
7 S. Korea	23,142,479	26,689	
8 Italy	21,845,943	175,505	New cases +413,392
9 Russia	19,482,648	384,254	
10 Japan	18,632,422	39,253	New deaths +936
11 Turkey	16,671,848	100,400	
12 Spain	13,332,976	112,454	
13 Vietnam	11,408,952	43,117	
14 Australia	10,018,037	13,834	

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	813,376	+92	9,293	+1	800,553	3,530
UAE	1,014,899	+512	2,341		993,740	18,818
Kuwait	657,395		2,563		654,470	362
Oman	397,846		4,260		384,669	8,917
Qatar	428,791	+644	681		423,840	4,270

Thousands in Mississippi's capital without water after treatment plant fails

Reuters

The state of Mississippi yesterday was scrambling to bring a long-neglected water treatment plant in its capital city back on line a day after it broke down, leaving about 180,000 residents without potable running water, possibly for days.

Governor Tate Reeves on Monday evening declared a state of emergency for Jackson, with 150,000 residents, and surrounding communities where 30,000 more people live, warning residents not to drink the water.

"Until it is fixed, it means we do not have reliable running water at scale. It means the city cannot produce enough water to fight fires, to reliably flush toilets, and to meet other critical needs," Reeves said, referring to the treatment plant.

Jackson, whose residents are more than 80% Black or African American, according to U.S.



A view shows a flooded road near Pearl River following water discharges from Barnett Reservoir over the weekend, in Ridgeland, Mississippi, U.S

Census data, was already on a boiled water alert for a month.

Jeff Good, 58, owns a bakery, a pizza parlor and an Italian restaurant in Jackson. All three establishments were closed on Tuesday because of a lack of water pressure.

He had to tell his 210 employees to stay home, and in the restaurant business, he said, that means they don't get paid.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

Let's stop sleepwalking towards the destruction of our planet by climate change. Today, it is Pakistan. Tomorrow, it could be your country.
[@antoniogeterres](#)

02

Interacted with IFS Officer Trainees of the Batch of 2021. Had insightful interactions on a diverse range of issues with the officers.
[@narendramodi](#)

03

Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, if you're on Medicare and you have diabetes, your cost of insulin will be capped at \$35 a month.
[@JoeBiden](#)

04

On the International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances, we stand in solidarity with those affected by the egregious crime of enforced disappearance. We urge governments around the world to end this unlawful practice and respect the human rights of all persons.
[@SecBlinken](#)

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