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Possible date for establishment of the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) League [disputed date - other research places date between 1450 and 1660]

1888

The body of Jack the Ripper's first victim, Mary Ann Nichols, is found in Whitechapel in London's East End



1917

Sun Yat-sen and his supporters' 'rump' parliament establish a military government in China and elect Sun Yat-sen as Commander-in-Chief

1997

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

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Thank President Zelenskyy for his phone call today. We exchanged views on the ongoing conflict, its humanitarian aspect, and efforts to restore peace and stability. India extends full support to all efforts in this direction.

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We must never forget the legacy of over 2,000 nuclear weapons tests carried out over the last 80 years — driving displacement & contaminating lands & oceans. My message to leaders: Stop playing with fire. Now is the time to silence the bombs before they speak again.

@antonioguterres

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Thank you for welcoming me to the Āmari Air Base Kristen-MichalPM. NATO aircrafts stationed here have been safeguarding the skies over the Baltic states. Estonia is making the Eastern flank safer. And Europe, stronger

@vonderleyen

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The most important thing the President of the United States can do is put the interests of Americans first. That is what we've done for 7 months, & we'll keep on doing it for the next 3.5 years

@VP

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## EU urges US to reconsider visa denial for Palestinians



A Palestinian man carries the shrouded body of a baby killed in an Israeli strike on a makeshift bakery housed in a tent on Al-Nassr Street in Gaza City

AFP | Copenhagen, Denmark

The EU wants the United States to reconsider its decision to deny visas to Palestinian officials seeking to attend next month's UN General Assembly, the bloc's top diplomat said yesterday.

"In the light of the existing agreements between the UN and its host state, we all urge for this decision to be reconsidered," Kaja Kallas said on Saturday following a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Copenhagen.

Kallas invoked "international law" in calling for Washington to reverse the extraordinary step, which further aligns US President Donald Trump's administration with Israel's government as it wages war in Gaza.

The US move comes as France is leading a push to recognise the Palestinian state at the gathering of world leaders in New York -- and France's foreign minister Jean-Noel Barrot spoke out in protest ahead of the Denmark talks.

"A UN General Assembly meeting... should not be subject to any restrictions on access," Barrot told reporters.

A string of ministers in Copenhagen echoed France's call for the United States to allow access to the Palestinian delegation.

The Palestinian Authority has likewise called for the United States to reverse its decision, which it said "stands in clear

### Red Cross head says mass evacuation of Gaza City 'impossible'

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The head of the international Red Cross on Saturday denounced Israel's plans for a mass evacuation of Gaza City ahead of a military takeover, insisting there was no way it could be done safely.

"It is impossible that a mass evacuation of Gaza City could ever be done in a way that is safe and dignified under the current conditions," International Committee of the Red Cross president Mirjana Spoljaric said in a statement.

"Such an evacuation would

trigger a massive population movement that no area in the Gaza Strip can absorb, given the widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure and the extreme shortages of food, water, shelter and medical care," she warned.

Her comments came after Israel's military on Friday declared Gaza City "a dangerous combat zone", as it prepared to conquer the occupied Palestinian territory's largest city after almost two years of war.



A vehicle towing a cart, both carrying cisterns and other belongings of displaced Palestinians fleeing south

contradiction to international law and the UN Headquarters Agreement". Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas, a veteran 89-year-old leader who once had cordial relations with Washington,

had planned to attend the UN meeting. Under an agreement as host of the United Nations in New York, the United States is not supposed to refuse visas for officials heading to the world body.

### US warship enters Panama Canal, heading toward Caribbean

AFP | Panama City, Panama

A US guided missile cruiser, USS Lake Erie, was seen crossing the Panama Canal from the Pacific to the Caribbean Friday night, after the Trump administration deployed warships near the coast of Venezuela.

AFP journalists saw the naval vessel passing through one of the canal's locks at around 9:30 pm (0230 GMT Saturday)

and navigating east toward the Atlantic.

The United States has said the deployment of warships to the southern Caribbean, near Venezuela's territorial waters, was an anti-drug trafficking operation.

"I didn't know the ship was going to pass... I was surprised," Alfredo Cedeno, a 32-year-old health technician, who took photos of the cruiser, told AFP.

The Lake Erie had been moored for the past two days at the Port of Rodman, at the canal's Pacific entrance.

Washington has accused Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro of leading a drug cartel and has doubled the bounty for his capture to \$50 million.

The United States has, however, made no public threat to invade Venezuela.

### CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## Why reporters' lives matter



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In the nearly 23 months of Israeli military operations in the Palestinian territory, journalists have emerged as among the most targeted professionals. According to Reporters Sans Frontiers data, more than 210 journalists have been killed by the Israeli army in the Gaza Strip, during this conflict. At least 56 of them were intentionally targeted by the Israeli army or killed while doing their job.

This is a dangerous trend. Over the years of modern warfare, it has always been a recognized practice that some professionals, whose work puts them in the line of fire, should be given every opportunity to do their work and be protected from bullets and death. Doctors, nurses, reporters were on top of this list.

Alas, this rule seems to have been missed in the Israel attack and there is, instead an active picking out of journalists and silencing them with bullets.

Why is this symptomatic of a deeper and more troubling problem? Even in this social media-driven times when even youth record war crimes casually on their phones and post it online, the work of reporters trained to sift fact from lies and place them before the world is of paramount importance. It frames the conflict in clearer terms and long after the war has finished, these accounts of reality will be our terms of reference in moving forward.

The world must protest against the brutal killing of journalists — of course, one may argue that their lives are not more valuable than those of the innocent civilians and children dying every day. But by silencing their voices, Israel is setting the stage for a 'no questions asked' regime where authoritarianism will erase dangerous human rights and democracy violations simply by eliminating those with access to the reality and who can take that message to the masses.

Every nation needs to raise its voice against this targeting of reporters — it does not mean we care any less for the other atrocities but we need to record our protest so that future generations searching for the truth of Israeli erasure of its genocide and barbarity, will know that we did our best to protect those who laid down their lives to bring the truth to the world.

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A woman takes pictures as the US Navy warship USS Lake Erie (CG 70) crosses the Pedro Miguel Locks of the Panama Canal amid an US naval deployment near the coast of Venezuela in Panama City