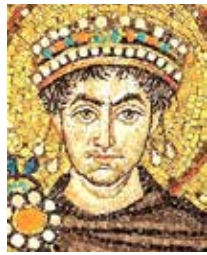


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Justinian I becomes the sole ruler of the Byzantine Empire after the death of his uncle Justin I



1086

Results of the Domesday inquiry presented to William the Conqueror in Salisbury (the date of compilation and the Great Domesday are historically contestable)

1774

English chemist Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen by isolating it in its gaseous state

1834

Slavery Abolition Act 1833 comes into effect, abolishes slavery throughout the British Empire

Deaths of Hamas chief's killing

Lebanon's top commander Shukur building hit by Israel



The aftermath of an Israeli military strike on a building in Beirut's southern suburbs

the building targeted by "the Zionist enemy".
Rescue teams "have been working since the incident happened... to remove the rubble... and we are still waiting for the results of this operation regarding the fate of the

great commander and other citizens" who were also in the building, the statement said.
Chairing a cabinet meeting Wednesday, Lebanese Prime Minister Naib Mikati warned: "Things could get out of hand if the enemy continues its reckless and murderous criminal madness."
"The strike on the southern suburbs is a strike on... efforts for calm," Mikati said in a statement released by his office, adding: "Lebanon does not want war".
In a provisional toll, Lebanon's health ministry said four civilians -- two women and two children -- were killed in the strike.

Hamas armed wing says killing takes war to 'new levels'

Palestinian Territories

Hamas's armed wing said yesterday that the killing of its political leader Ismail Haniyeh takes the war with Israel to a "new levels," warning of repercussions for the entire region. "The criminal assassination of leader Haniyeh in the heart of the Iranian capital is a watershed and dangerous event that takes the war to new levels and will have enormous consequences for the entire region," the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, whose fighters are engaged in fierce battles with Israeli troops in Gaza, said in a statement.

the southern city of Khan Yunis, where Israeli troops ended a major ground assault this week that displaced tens of thousands of people. "Haniyeh was someone who gave away his children and grandchildren on the same path."
In June, 10 family members of Haniyeh were killed in an Israeli air strike in the Al-Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip.
In April, Haniyeh lost three sons and four grandchildren in an Israeli strike in central Gaza, with the Israeli military accusing them of "terrorist activities".
Haniyeh said at the time that about 60 members of his family had been killed since the war broke out on October 7.

Re Israel-Hamas talks

"the importance of continuing to work to reach a ceasefire in Gaza", Qatar's foreign ministry said in a statement.
The foreign ministry had condemned Haniyeh's killing in Tehran on Wednesday, describing it as a "heinous crime", a "dangerous escalation" and "a flagrant violation of international and humanitarian law".
"This assassination and the

reckless Israeli behaviour of continuously targeting civilians in Gaza will lead to the region slipping into chaos and undermine the chances of peace," said. "The ministry reiterates the State of Qatar's firm position rejecting violence, terrorism and criminal acts, including political assassinations, regardless of the motives and reasons," it added.

hopes for... to obtain martyrdom while defending his land, his

people and its sanctities," said Muhammad Farwana, 38, from

Deaths in the past three decades

Hamas, is killed along with his four wives, 10 of his 12 children and two neighbours during Israel's December 27-January 18 offensive in the Gaza Strip.
Two weeks later a senior Hamas leader in Gaza, interior minister Said Siam, is killed in an Israeli air strike in Gaza.

died on January 20.
2012: targeted killing in Gaza
On November 14, Israel's biggest military campaign against Gaza in nearly four years, Operation Pillar of Defence, begins with the targeted killing of top Hamas commander Ahmed Jaabari in an air strike on his car, triggering a major flare-up.
2014: three commanders killed
On August 21, 2014, six weeks into a war between Israel and Hamas, a pre-dawn air strike kills three senior commanders of the Hamas armed wing, the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades: Mohammed Abu Shamala, Raed al-Atar and Mohammed Barhum.
2024: deputy leader killed in Beirut
January 2: Nearly three months after Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel triggered war in Gaza, Hamas deputy leader Saleh al-Aruri is killed in a strike in Beirut's southern suburbs blamed on Israel. Hamas military leader Mohammed Deif and Gaza leader Yahya Sinwar have topped Israel's hit list throughout the war but have remained elusive.

Search for hostages after Hamas chief's killing



Smoke billows from burning tyres as Israeli soldiers deploy in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron

Haifa resident, Avi Ben-Ishai. Campaign group the Hostages and Missing Families Forum acknowledged the military gains of the past nearly 10 months of the

war, but said "true achievement" can come only with the return of the hostages.
"Time is of the essence, and we implore the Israeli government

and global leaders to decisively advance negotiations," it said in a statement released after Haniyeh's killing was announced.
"This is the time for a deal."
Tel Aviv resident Shahar Binyamini said she was anxious over how Hamas and allies like Lebanon's Hezbollah movement would react to Haniyeh's killing.
"What stresses me now is the reaction of Hamas and Hezbollah," Binyamini, 25, told AFP as she cancelled plans to go to the beach out of fear.
"My partner was in reserve service in the north since September and was told to be on standby."
Tel Aviv resident Jacob, who only gave his first name, said he was unsure whether Haniyeh's killing would resolve the conflict.
"Our goal first of all should be the release of the hostages, and the war of October 7 should not have happened," he said.
"Israel is doing its best to exist in the Middle East in peace, all we do is defend ourselves all the time."

Pilot dies after small plane crashes on Dutch highway



The accident happened at around 12:45 pm (1045 GMT) near the southern city of Breda, about 60 kilometres (38 miles) south of Rotterdam.

AFP | The Hague, Netherlands

A small plane crashed yesterday on a highway in the Netherlands, killing the pilot and scattering debris across the double-lane road, Dutch emergency services said.
The accident happened at around 12:45 pm (1045 GMT) near the southern city of Breda, about 60 kilometres (38 miles) south of Rotterdam.
"A plane crashed on the A58 from Breda in the direction of Roosendaal," the Middle-West Brabant Safety Region said on its website.
"Unfortunately the pilot, the only person on board, died," it said, without disclosing the

type of plane. No other injuries were reported.
Images posted on X showed a burned-out wreck and debris on the highway, where traffic had been blocked off by emergency services from both sides.
A logo of a local aviation flight school could be spotted on the wreckage, local broadcaster Omroep Brabant said.
"I suddenly saw something descend. It was the plane," an unidentified witness told Omroep Brabant. "At the moment it crashed, we saw a ball of fire and that was it."
The highway will remain blocked off for the rest of the day, emergency services added.

Prowling leopard injures two at S.Africa air force base

Johannesburg, South Africa



Representative picture

A prowling leopard attacked and injured two military personnel at a South African air force base near a world-famous national park, the military said yesterday.
The two injured members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) were in stable conditions and recovering from what an air force spokesman described as "mostly scratches" following the separate encounters with the big cat.
The unprovoked attacks occurred between Friday and Sunday last week at the north-eastern Hoedspruit air base, said Brigadier General Donovan Chetty.
One officer was going for a morning jog when he was pounced on by the spotted animal, while the other was leaving work in the afternoon, he said.

The base lies within the catchment area of the Kruger National Park, a tourist magnet bordering Mozambique famed for its rich wildlife.
This makes for frequent encounters with wild animals, Chetty said.
"It's not uncommon to see leopards, it is uncommon for them to attack," Chetty told AFP.
It was not known what prompted the animal, a nocturnal hunter, to pounce during the day, he added.

China sanctions US lawmaker over Tibet 'interference'

AFP | Beijing, China

China sanctioned US lawmaker Jim McGovern yesterday for "interference" over his support for Tibetans.
The US Congress adopted a bipartisan law last month that strengthens support for Tibet, where China is accused of human rights abuses.
McGovern, a Democrat, was one of the authors of the bill.
The foreign ministry in Beijing said McGovern has "frequently interfered in China's internal affairs in recent years".

Announcing sanctions, the ministry accused the lawmaker of "an attack on sovereignty, security and interests" of China.
The measures imposed Wednesday ban McGovern and his family from China, as well as allowing a freeze on any assets he has there.
Beijing imposes strict control on access to Tibet, a Himalayan region which it considers an inalienable part of its territory.
China took control of Tibet in 1951 before the Dalai Lama fled into exile in 1959.



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Distressed by the landslides in parts of Wayanad. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their loved ones and prayers with those injured. Rescue ops are currently underway to assist all those affected. Spoke to Kerala CM Shri @pinarayivijayan and also assured all possible help from the Centre in the wake of the prevailing situation there.

@narendramodi

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Today I signed a 123 Agreement on civil nuclear cooperation with Singapore. In addition to deepening our energy partnership with Singapore, they will also join our FIRST program to build capabilities to further explore clean, secure, and safe nuclear energy.

@SecBlinken

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Farmers and ranchers work around the clock to put food on our tables and steward our nation's land - they should never experience discrimination in farm loan programs. Today, I'm addressing that inequity.

@POTUS

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Population collapse is happening in so many countries

@elonmusk

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