

1776

Formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence by 56 people (date most accepted by modern historians)



1790

1st US census conducted, the population was 3,939,214 including 697,624 slaves

1858

Government of India transferred from East India Company to the British Crown

2018

Apple becomes the first American public listed company to reach \$1 trillion in value

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## Joint but limited support for Israel

to Israel -- to discuss retaliation for the deaths of Hamas's leader and Hezbollah's top military commander, said a source close to Lebanese group.

"Two scenarios were discussed: a simultaneous response from Iran and its allies or a staggered response from each party," the source who had been briefed on the meeting told AFP, requesting anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

## Killed in July strike: Israel

mail Haniyeh was killed in Tehran. Israel has not commented on that report. "Mohammed Deif, the Osama bin Laden of Gaza was eliminated" on July 13, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said.

This is a "significant milestone in the process of dismantling Hamas" in Gaza, Gallant added.

turned rogue to impose more wars and more destruction on the region."

## ed with murder wife attack



Police of nine-year-old Alice Dasilva, and six-year-old Bebe King

England, on Thursday. The town of Southport, where Monday's tragedy unfolded, was still reeling from the attack, and from violent clashes that broke out on Tuesday.

Bottles were thrown at police officers and several people were arrested at the rally, which police blamed on supporters of the far-right English Defence League (EDL), who it said had travelled from outside the area to the seaside town near Liverpool. A 100-strong group attacked police and properties, throwing bricks at a mosque and setting vehicles and other objects on fire.

## net returns

back on after an 11-day shutdown.

Though the unrest has since calmed, several graphic amateur videos published to social media that show police firing on protesters have inflamed public anger against Hasina's government.

"How come the police are killing our brothers and sisters like this?" one user wrote, in response to a short clip of a police officer firing at a wounded young man while another tried to drag him safely from the scene.

## Brazil to take custody of Argentine embassy in Venezuela: Milei

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Argentine President Javier Milei yesterday thanked Brazil for assuming custody of his country's embassy in Venezuela, after staff were ordered to leave when Buenos Aires questioned the reelection of Nicolas Maduro.

Argentina was among seven Latin American countries whose diplomatic staff were asked to leave Venezuela after their governments signed a joint statement asking for a complete review of Sunday's election results.

Six Venezuelan opposition figures are currently under protection at the Argentine embassy.

"I am extremely grateful for Brazil's willingness to take over the custody of the Argentine Embassy in Venezuela," Milei wrote on the X social network.

"We are also grateful for the temporary representation of the interests of the Argentine Republic and its citizens there. Today the Argentine diplomatic staff had to leave Venezuela as a reprisal by dictator Maduro for our condemnation of the fraud they perpetrated last Sunday."

He did not mention the fate of the asylum seekers.

## US says plea deal reached with 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed



The Pentagon said three Guantanamo Bay inmates, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, agreed to enter guilty plea

Washington, United States

US prosecutors reached a deal with 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the Pentagon said yesterday, reportedly involving a guilty plea in exchange for avoiding a death penalty trial

The agreements with Mohammed and two other accomplices moves the long-running cases -- which have been bogged down in pre-trial maneuverings for years while the defendants remained held at the Guantanamo military base in Cuba -- toward resolution.

"The specific terms and conditions of the pretrial agreements are not available to the public at this time," the Pentagon said in a statement.

The New York Times reported that Mohammed, Walid bin Attash and Mustafa al-Hawsawi had agreed to plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence instead of the death penalty.

## Erdogan urges Pope to speak against 'perverse' Olympic ceremony

AFP | Istanbul, Turkey

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged Pope Francis yesterday to speak out with him against the "perverse propaganda" he said was spread at the Olympic Games opening ceremony.

A scene during Friday's showpiece event featured dancers and drag queens reminiscent of the Last Supper, the final meal Jesus is said to have shared with his apostles.

Organisers have said they intended to portray a pagan feast and meant no offence, but Erdogan, Catholic groups, US presidential candidate Donald Trump and Russia's foreign ministry spokeswoman were among critics slamming the act as a disrespectful parody.

"President Erdogan said that under the guise of freedom of expression and tolerance, human dignity had been trampled



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underfoot and religious and moral values ridiculed, offending Muslims and the Christian world alike," the Turkish president said in a statement.

"He felt it was necessary to raise our voices together," the statement added in the appeal to the pope.

The president, who had announced on Tuesday his intention to call the Pope to denounce the "immorality" of the opening ceremony, deplored "the undermining of religious values, the perverse propaganda and the moral collapse into which the world is drifting with the Olympic Games", the statement added.

## At least 30 dead, 35 missing after torrential rains: China state media

AFP | Beijing, China

At least 30 people are dead and 35 are missing in central China, state media reported yesterday, following days of torrential rain that lashed the country earlier this week.

The downpours were triggered by Typhoon Gaemi, which moved on from the Philippines and Taiwan to make landfall in eastern China a week ago, with hilly, landlocked Hunan province hit particularly hard.

More than 11,000 people had been evacuated from the city of Zixing after some areas endured record rainfall of 645 millimetres (25 inches) in just 24 hours, state news agency Xinhua reported on Tuesday.

Many roads connecting townships in the Zixing area were temporarily cut off by the extreme weather, which also affected the power supply and communications infrastructure.

On Thursday, state broadcast



Members of a rescue team walk to a flood-affected area in Zixing, in central China's Hunan province

caster CCTV said that "the roads, electricity and communications in eight towns in Zixing city that were most severely affected by Typhoon Gaemi have basically opened".

"Initial findings show that there have been 30 deaths and 35 are missing," the report said, adding that search and rescue

efforts were still ongoing.

On Tuesday Xinhua said four people had been killed and three people were missing in Zixing.

Three people were killed in Hunan's Yongxing county, Xinhua said Tuesday, while a landslide on Sunday killed 15 people elsewhere in the province.

## Trump attacks Harris's racial identity, says she opted to 'turn Black'

AFP | Harrisburg, United States

Donald Trump suggested Wednesday that Vice President Kamala Harris had decided to "turn Black" for political gain, as he attacked his Democratic White House rival during a combative interaction with African American journalists in Chicago. The Republican former president's inflammatory comments marked an escalation of the 78-year-old's vitriol against Harris, whom he falsely accused of having identified as Indian but then, "all of a sudden, she made a turn, and she became a Black person."

Harris, 59, has long identified as Black and graduated from a historically Black university.

"So I don't know, is she Indian or is she Black?" asked Trump



Harris, Trump

during a heated interview at the National Association of Black Journalists conference.

Harris later denounced the attacks as "the same old show" of "the divisiveness and the disrespect" from Trump.

They come as the former president, convicted two months ago of felony fraud related to hush money payments

to a porn star, struggles to formulate a new strategy less than 100 days before the election.

Later Wednesday he held a campaign rally in Pennsylvania, a battleground state where he narrowly survived an assassination attempt earlier this month, and continued the verbal assault on his rival.

"Everything about Kamala Harris's rollout, it's phony," he told the crowd, adding Harris "tried to outbrand a new Southern accent" when she addressed a large rally Tuesday in Atlanta, Georgia. "The contrast could not be more stark," he said. "On the one hand you have a radical left puppet candidate who is fake fake fake, and on the other hand you have a president who will fight fight fight for America."



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Earlier today, held very productive talks with PM Ph m Minh Chinh of Vietnam. India cherishes the strong friendship with Vietnam. Over the years, we have deepened cooperation in trade, energy, technology, security, connectivity and more. Cultural and people-to-people linkages have also become stronger.

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The attacks we have seen in the Israeli-occupied Golan, South Beirut & Teheran represent a dangerous escalation at a moment in which all efforts should instead be leading to a ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all Israeli hostages, a massive increase of humanitarian aid for Palestinians in Gaza, and a return to calm in Lebanon & across the Blue Line.

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Paul Whelan, Evan Gershkovich, and Alsu Kurmasheva are on their way to the United States to reunite with their families. I'm grateful for all of those who worked to secure their freedom and for our allies and partners who made this deal possible.

@SecBlinken

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The escalating violence in #Sudan, persisting for over 15 months now, has pushed parts of North Darfur, notably the Zamzam camp near El Fasher town, into #famine conditions, the @theIPCinfo has concluded.

@DrTedros

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