

Scottish resistance leader William Wallace is captured by the English near Glasgow and transported to London for trial and execution



Humphrey Gilbert claims Newfoundland for the British crown, the first English colony in North America and the beginning of the British Empire

Battle of Petrovaradin [Peterwardein]: Habsburgs under Eugene of Savoy defeat the Ottomans in a decisive victory

Battle of Mobile Bay, won by the Union Navy led by Rear Admiral David Farragut with the cry "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

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en shuts Lebanon embassy ears of escalation

holm, Sweden

said yesterday it was its embassy in Beirut the war in Gaza could to a region-wide con- gressing thousands of its leave Lebanon.

ign ministry has in- staff to leave Beirut to Cyprus, and the nistry is planning a relocation of its em- eign Minister Tobias old Swedish Radio.

sion had been taken r the month of August extended depending rity situation."

nistry is monitoring ts closely," he said. g to the foreign min- ny as 10,000 Swedish ay have travelled to



Yellow Hezbollah party flags are erected along with a banner showing assassinated Hezbollah top commander Fuad Shukur, placed along a walk way across the Sidon-to-Tyre highway, in southern Lebanon

Lebanon this summer, defying a travel warning in place for the country since October 2023.

"I urge Swedes in Lebanon to leave the country by whichever means possible, while they still can," he said.

rance, Transavia halt ut flights until Tuesday

France

Beirut by Air France -cost carrier Transav- ill remain suspended t Tuesday due to "se- cerns in the region, pany Air France-KLM

"Any resumption of operation will be subject to a renewed eval- uation on the ground," a spokes- man said yesterday, adding that passengers with reservations could rebook at no extra cost.

Flights to Tel Aviv will contin- ue as normal, he added.

French airlines first rving the route on lay after Israel vowed following rocket fire on that killed 12 peo- sraeli-annexed Golan



after Al-Shabaab u beach



the body of a woman killed during an attack in Mogadishu

care units, a further main in hospital with ile 137 people with had been discharged ng treatment, he said. ult, for which Al- med responsibility in ro-Shabaab website, n Friday when a sui- r detonated a device stormed the area. tohamed Omar told mbers of the group vilians randomly". security forces had

ended the attack and killed five gunmen, while a sixth member of the group "blew himself (up) at the beach".

Police spokesperson Abdifa- tah Adan Hassan said the attack demonstrated the group was not only targeting government offi- cials and soldiers, but ordinary civilians as well.

Witnesses said there were many people at the popular lo- cation when the explosion oc- curred, describing how gunmen then stormed the area.

Iran Guards say 'short-range projectile' killed Hamas chief

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said yesterday that Israel killed Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh using a "short-range projectile" launched from outside of his accommoda- tion in Tehran.

"This terrorist operation was carried out by firing a short-range projectile with a warhead of about 7 kilograms -- causing a strong explosion -- from outside the accommo- dation area," the Guards said in a statement.

It added that Israel was "supported by the United States" in the attack.

Haniyeh was killed ear- ly Wednesday in the Iranian capital where he was attend- ing the swearing-in of the new president, Masoud Pezeshki- an.

Iran and Hamas have vowed to retaliate.

The Guards repeated their insistence that Haniyeh would be avenged and that Israel would receive "a severe pun- ishment at the appropriate time, place and manner".

Israel, which has declined to comment on Haniyeh's killing, had earlier struck a Hezbollah stronghold in south Beirut.

That strike killed a senior commander of the Lebanese militant group it blamed for a deadly weekend rocket strike on the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights.

The killings are the latest of several major incidents that have inflamed regional tensions during the Gaza war, which has drawn in Iran-backed militant groups in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Yemen.



Haniyeh was killed early Wednesday in the Iranian capital where he was attending the swearing-in of the new president, Masoud Pezeshkian.

US scraps plea deal with 9/11 mastermind

Washington, United States

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Friday scrapped a plea agreement with 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, just two days after the announcement of a deal that reportedly would have taken the death penalty off the table.

Deals with Mohammed and two alleged accomplices an- nounced Wednesday had ap- peared to have moved their long-running cases toward resolution -- but sparked an- ger among some relatives of those killed on September 11, 2001, as well as criticism from leading Republican politicians.

"I have determined that, in light of the significance of the decision to enter into pre-tri- al agreements with the ac- cused...responsibility for such a decision should rest with



This undated FBI file image shows Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, as he appeared on the FBI's Most Wanted Terrorists website

me," Austin said in a memoran- dum addressed to Susan Es- callier, who oversaw the case.

"I hereby withdraw from the three pre-trial agreements that you signed on July 31, 2024 in the above-referenced case," the memo said.

The cases against the 9/11 defendants have been bogged down in pre-trial maneuver- ings for years, while the ac- cused remained held at the Guantanamo Bay military base in Cuba.

Vietnam's Communist Party names To Lam top leader

AFP | Hanoi, Vietnam

Vietnamese President To Lam was formally named the country's top leader Satur- day, pledging to "speed up" a sweeping anti-graft campaign that has snared thousands.

The Communist Party elect- ed Lam general secretary at a morning session, the party said at a press conference, making him the most powerful figure in Vietnam's leadership struc- ture.

Lam's ascension comes two weeks after the death of Gen- eral Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, Vietnam's most pow- erful leader in decades, who presided over the so-called



Vietnamese President To Lam

blazing furnace crackdown on corruption.

In his first remarks as gen- eral secretary, Lam pledged to "speed up" the campaign that has seen numerous top officials and senior business leaders face charges.

"(I will) continue to speed up anti-corruption ... regard- less of who the person is," Lam told the press conference.



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Remembering Pingali Venkayya Ji on his birth anniversary. His effort in giving us the Tricolour will always be remembered. Do support the #HarGharTiranga movement and unfurl the Tricolour between 9th and 15th August! Don't forget to share your selfie on http://harghartiranga.com

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Saturday marks 10 years since the Islamic State of Iraq & the Levant/ Da'esh brutally targeted Yazidis in Iraq. The @UN remains committed to supporting efforts to achieve accountability & justice for all Iraqis im- pacted by their crimes in line with international human rights law.

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As @UnderSecPD, Liz Allen has embodied a fundamental truth of our work: that public diplomacy is central to every foreign policy pri- ority and foundational to U.S. global leadership. Today, as she leaves this role, we thank her for her leadership and her service.

@SecBlinken

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President Lyndon B. Johnson fought like hell to give everyone a shot. He changed the way we live. No one is more honored to receive an award in his name than me.

@POTUS

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Putting muscle into patriotism



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

Bahrain first participated in the Olympics in 1984. Since then, in the intervening four decades, much has changed in the sports scene for the country. A young and dynamic leadership has taken charge of different aspects of sports -- whether it is football, volleyball, equestrian sports, endurance sports such as the Iron Man Triathlon or MMA martial arts, we are seeing a Bahraini leadership which is actively engaged and passionate about sports.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa is a world-acclaimed equestrian and triathlete; HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) invests his energy and resources to personally promote martial arts and world class boxing in Bahrain. He even set a record by swimming 35 hours non-stop between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia to raise funds for charity in 2014.

The result is that Bahraini youth have started looking at sports as a way to build team spirit, cooperation and also physical fitness. Facilities too have improved. From well-maintained sports clubs, regular circuits of matches and investment in coaches who will impart top-class training, Bahraini athletes have been given the opportunity to climb the ladder of sporting success.

And this goes for our para-athletes also. Bahrain has systematically won laurels in the Paralympics, thanks to facilities and training being made available to them. Make no mistake -- a nation that serves its athletes puts muscle into its patriotism.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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