

1865

President Andrew Johnson issues a proclamation declaring armed resistance in the South is virtually at an end; this is the commonly accepted end date of the American Civil War

1901

The First Australian Parliament opens in Melbourne, though the first working session will not be until 21 May



1945

World War II: The Soviet Union marks Victory Day

1960

US becomes the first country to legalize the birth control pill

more actresses ons: media

“Earlier legal cases had been filed against actresses Katayoun Riahi, Pantea Bahram, Afshaneh Baygan and Fatemeh Motamed-Aria for removing their headscarves,” the agency added.

Some of the indicted actresses have won awards for their work in Iranian cinema, including at the country’s leading industry event, the Fajr International Film Festival.



The requirement for women to wear the headscarf in public was imposed shortly after the Islamic revolution of 1979. Last month, authorities said they had closed 150 commercial establishments whose employees were not complying with the dress code.

t in talks

to meet representatives of both camps, though his role in the process is unclear.

A spokesperson for Griffiths said on Sunday that he had arrived in Jeddah “to engage in humanitarian issues related to Sudan”.

A separate UN official said on Monday that Griffiths had “asked to join the negotiations” but that his request had not been approved so far.

The talks “will continue in the following days”, the Saudi foreign ministry said, without specifying a clear timeline.

Humanitarian crisis

Multiple truce deals have been declared, without effect, since fighting erupted on April 15 in the poverty-stricken country with a history of instability.

Fierce combat has killed hundreds of people, wounded thousands and sparked multiple warnings of a “catastrophic” humanitarian crisis.

More than 100,000 people have already fled the country.

hurricanes



The constellation was originally intended to have six satellites, not four, but the first two were lost when a US Astra rocket malfunctioned shortly after lift-off last year.

At least 22 dead after boat capsizes in India

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● 11 people from one family, including three children, had died in the accident

● A case has been registered against the boat’s owner

AFP | Malappuram

At least 22 people died when a tourist boat capsized in India, officials said yesterday, with many of those on board thought to be children.

It was not clear why the double-decker boat carrying at least 30 people tipped over in the southern state of Kerala’s Malappuram district late Sunday.

Dozens of people searched for survivors in and around the stricken vessel all night, which was partially submerged, and the search continued into Monday.

Some used ropes to stabilise the boat while others were in the water, desperately looking inside the vessel’s windows for any survivors.

“We have recovered 22 bodies, including 15 females and seven males. There are around six people in the hospital. Rescue operations are on,” a police officer told AFP.

Local publication Onmanorama reported that 11 people from one family, including three children, had died in the accident.

Rajisa, who was on the boat with her husband and daughter, told the publication most of the passengers on board were children and that there was smoke coming from the boat during the journey.

“We survived only because we were wearing life jackets,” Rajisa, who bruised her neck after hitting the boat, was quoted as saying.

She said three life jackets were brought to her and her family, and four jackets were given to children on the boat’s top deck.

“The boat swerved sometime after it set sail. Everyone was thrown off to one side as the boat wobbled,” she told On-



Onlookers gather near the site of a boat accident in Tanur, in Malappuram district



people carry out rescue operation at the site of a boat accident in Tanur, in Malappuram district of India’s Kerala state.

manorama.

“I fell before my child and sank into the water. The boat overturned on top of the people who had fallen into the water. There were mostly children on the boat,” she said.

Broadcaster NDTV said rescue teams, including personnel from National Disaster Response Force and the Indian Coast Guard, were using underwater cameras to look for those still missing.

VD Satheesan, a politician from the opposition Congress party in the state, said the ac-

cident was “man-made” and called for a probe.

“Nobody even knows if the boat had a licence or not,” he said Monday, speaking to reporters.

A case has been registered against the boat’s owner for alleged culpable homicide, media reports said.

Kerala’s sports and fisheries minister V. Abdurahiman, who was helping to coordinate rescue efforts, said most of the victims were children on school holidays.

Police said that there were

around 30 people on board.

But NDTV reported that 40 people had tickets, although there were many others on the vessel who did not.

Abdurahiman said four people were taken to hospital in critical condition, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

“Pained by the loss of lives due to the boat mishap in Malappuram, Kerala. Condolences to the bereaved families,” Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Twitter, adding that families would get compensation.

Farmers break down barricades to join protesting Indian wrestlers

New Delhi

Dozens of Indian farmers broke down police barricades in New Delhi on Monday to join wrestlers protesting against the sport’s local federation chief over allegations of sexual harassment and intimidation.

Several of the wrestlers are from the nearby state of Haryana, a rice-producing area where many people make their living from farming.

The farmers were led by one of the groups behind demonstrations against agriculture reform bills that lasted for more than a year, and with hundreds of them at the site by Monday afternoon, its involvement increases the likelihood that the



Farmers gather at the site of an ongoing protest by Indian wrestlers in New Delhi

wrestlers’ protest will go into the long term.

The athletes -- including Olympic medalists and Commonwealth champions -- have been demanding the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is also a rul-

ing-party lawmaker.

Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella group of protesting farmers, released a statement at the weekend condemning Delhi police for denying the athletes “basic civil rights” and backing the calls for Singh’s arrest, adding it would

mount nationwide protests this week.

Delhi police last month registered two complaints against Singh, who has denied the allegations.

In a video posted on Facebook on Saturday, Singh urged the farmers to wait until investigations were completed, broadcaster NDTV reported.

“If these children are committing a mistake, let them do so, my request to the elderly with folded hands is that you should not commit the mistake,” NDTV quoted him as saying.

The protesting wrestlers, including Olympic bronze medalist wrestlers Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, have been backed by some of India’s most famous athletes.



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TWEETS

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Humanity’s failure to make progress towards ending hunger & achieving food security is unconscionable. We have the data & know-how to build a #ZeroHunger world. What we need is collective action & a commitment to change.

@antonioguterres

02



We’re investing in mental health training so first responders can safely and effectively respond to those in crisis and connect them to care. And we’re making sure that public safety officers have the support and resources to deal with the stresses of their work.

@POTUS

03



In Shivamogga, I had a memorable interaction with members of the Hakki Pikki tribe who safely came home from Sudan.

@narendramodi

04



Let us never forget our veterans and all those who fought for freedom in Europe against the forces of tyranny. Their example serves as a powerful reminder of our responsibility to ensure that freedom prevails on our continent today #VEDay78

@RishiSunak

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