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Al-Hussein (Al-usayn ibn) and his followers killed at Karbala by army of Yazid, the Umayyad caliph, on the way to Kufa



1780

Great Hurricane of 1780 kills 20,000 to 30,000 in the Caribbean, hitting Barbados first. Atlantic's deadliest recorded hurricane.

1871

The Great Chicago Fire is finally extinguished after 3 days, leaving approximately 300 dead, 100,000 homeless, and costing \$222m in damage

1954

Ho Chi Minh enters Hanoi after withdrawal of French troops

as Hamas rules out prisoner swap



Palestinians search for survivors in the refugee camp of Jabalia in the Gaza Strip

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Hamas threatens to kill Israel hostages over Gaza strikes: statement

Moscow, Russia

Hamas threatened yesterday to kill hostages if the Israeli army carried out air strikes without prior warning targeting residents of the Gaza Strip. "Every targeting of our people without warning will be met with the execution of one of the civilian hostages," the Ezzedine al-Qassem Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, said in a statement. "The enemy doesn't understand the language of humanity and ethics, so we'll address them in the language that they understand."

300,000 army reservists for its "Swords of Iron" campaign, and truck convoys were moving tanks to the south, where its forces had dislodged the last holdout Hamas fighters from embattled towns. Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said Israel would impose a "complete siege" on the long blockaded enclave and stressed

what this meant for its 2.3 million people: "No electricity, no food, no water, no gas -- it's all closed." Netanyahu has warned Gaza civilians to get away from all Hamas sites, which he vowed to turn "to rubble". The United States has pledged "rock solid" support for Israel and said it would send munitions

Egypt boosts diplomacy

Cairo, Egypt

Egypt intensified its push yesterday for diplomatic efforts to de-escalate spiralling violence in Gaza and Israel, his office said, after three days of fighting killed more than 1,200 people. President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi spoke with UAE Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, agreeing to "intensify discussions and diplomatic efforts to stop military escalation", Sisi's spokesman said. On Sunday, Sisi spoke with Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas, warning of the dangerous "absence of political prospects". Sisi also spoke on Sunday with Jordan's King Abdullah II, whose country acts as custodian of Muslim and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem and recognised Israel in 1994. Since Saturday, Sisi has also spoken with French President Emmanuel Macron, European Council President Charles Michel, and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

while other revellers were feared to be among the hostages. Israelis have voiced anger at the intelligence failure that blindsided the nation on a Jewish holiday. The spiralling conflict has sent shock waves around the world amid fears of a wider escalation, sparking a surge in oil prices on fears of tightening supplies.

Israel issued a travel warning for its citizens, especially in the Middle East, after an Egyptian police officer shot dead two Israeli tourists Sunday. Meanwhile, the EU halted development aid payments to the Palestinians and placed 691 million euros (\$728 million) of support "under review" yesterday.

military forces in Azerbaijan couldn't go on endlessly

them, sign a peace treaty, and the countries will start working on future cooperation in a trilateral format.

Illegal military presence

The non-fulfillment by Armenia of its obligations on full, immediate and unconditional withdrawal of forces from the territory of Azerbaijan had been the reason for the failure of all international efforts to settle the armed conflict unleashed by Armenia against Azerbaijan more than 30 years ago. Continued illegal military presence of Armenia in sovereign territory of Azerbaijan remained the most serious obstacle to a post-conflict normalization process between Armenia and Azerbaijan, as well as to efforts to reintegrate the ethnic Armenian residents of the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan after the signing of the Trilateral Statement on November 10, 2020, under which the conflict was ended and completely new realities emerged in the region. We have consistently and extensively called the attention of all involved international actors to the danger of such an illegal military presence. Unfortunately, acknowledgment of our legitimate concerns behind closed doors was not reflected in practical steps and public messages of our interlocutors. The lack of adequate targeted reaction by internation-

al community to irresponsible warmongering statements and aggressive actions by Armenia, only contributed to this country's sense of impunity and permissiveness that led to more military and political provocations. But, it was a grave miscalculation. At a time when practical implementation of disarmament and demilitarization on the ground starts, accompanied by direct dialogue between Armenian residents and central Azerbaijani officials, the consideration of the situation by international community should correspond to existing realities in order to remain relevant and helpful. On the contrary, one-sided and biased approach driven by shortsighted political considerations or lobby connections, which mostly is at the core of calling this debate at the Reliance on such a course of action failed on several previous occasions. This can only lead to distracting the focus from real process of normalization, which is not in interest of either of Azerbaijan or Armenia, but please the whims of certain outside forces that continue to manipulate existing differences for their own political purposes.

Dialogue and negotiations

Despite all serious challenges stemming from Armenia's destructive position, Azerbaijan once again reaffirms its readiness for a genuine dialogue and

negotiations on the basis of equal and reciprocal respect for each other's legitimate interests. We once again extend our offer of a just, fair and lasting peace to Armenia, notwithstanding the unhealed wounds of its armed aggression against my country, massive devastations of our cities and villages, deliberate desecration of our holy places. We hope this offer by Azerbaijan will finally be reciprocated by this country. On a different track, the Republic of Azerbaijan reaffirms its determination to guarantee to ethnic Armenian residents of the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan all rights and freedoms in line with its Constitution and relevant international human rights mechanisms, including those safeguarded for persons belonging to national minorities.

Ethnic minorities

Despite the fact that during almost 30 years of Armenia's military occupation Azerbaijanis, facing massacres and mass atrocities were deprived from all the rights, Azerbaijan has always been committed to safeguard the rights of all the ethnic minorities in its territory, including of Armenians.

In fact, after 24 hours the counter-terror measures have already been ceased, and dialogue on the reintegration of ethnic Armenian residents of the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan started in practical terms on the ground. The long overdue meeting of the Special Representative of the Government of Azerbaijan with representatives of Armenian residents took place 21st September in the

city of Yevlakh, Azerbaijan. At the meeting, the special representative assigned by the Government of Azerbaijan for the dialogue with Armenian residents outlined the plans of the Government for reintegration and the issues related to restoration and operation of infrastructures were discussed. In the context of discussion of social and humanitarian matters, and upon the request of the Armenian residents the delivery of fuel for the use of social facilities, such as kindergartens and schools, hospitals, and other emergency services, as well as other humanitarian support measures are expected to be implemented soon by the relevant central Government institutions.

Humanitarian needs

In light of this, practical discussions on the reintegration of ethnic Armenian residents of the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan have practically commenced immediately after the counter-terror measures. The Government of Azerbaijan has immediately mobilized its resources to promptly address the humanitarian needs of civilians on the ground. With the instructions of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, a working group led by Deputy Prime Minister was established. This group has been tasked with addressing a wide spectrum of issues, including those related to social welfare, humanitarian assistance, economic recovery, and infrastructure rehabilitation in the Garabagh region of Azerbaijan. Following the request of the

representatives of Armenian residents made at the meeting held in Yevlakh on September 21, fuel and lubricants have been transported to the region, prioritizing kindergartens, emergency medical services and firefighting facilities. Law enforcement structures, as well as representatives of several state institutions dealing with social affairs are on-site delivering first aid and necessary support to the affected Armenian residents.

Rehabilitation

A significant milestone on rehabilitation of critical infrastructure was reached on September 24 when Khankendi was successfully connected to Azerbaijan's electricity network. This achievement has ensured uninterrupted electricity supply from Government resources to ethnic Armenian residents of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan reminds the obligation of all States under the international law on non-interference with internal affairs of other States, not undermining the integration of persons belonging to national minorities or fueling separatism in the territory of neighboring states. Azerbaijan remains open to constructive engagement with all international partners who have genuine interest in peace, stability and well-being in our region.

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It's time to end the vicious circle of bloodshed, hatred & polarization in the Middle East. Israel must see its legitimate needs for security materialized, and Palestinians must see a clear perspective for the establishment of their own state realized.
@antoniouterres

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Had an excellent meeting with President @SuluHuSamia. We reviewed the full range of India-Tanzania relations and have elevated our time-tested relation to a Strategic Partnership. The areas of our discussion included trade, commerce and people-to-people linkages.
@narendramodi

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The real fight is not between right and left, but rather between humanists and extinctionists.
@elonmusk

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Fifteen American technology companies have already answered my call to voluntarily implement commitments that ensure AI technology is safe, secure, and trustworthy before it's released to the public.
@POTUS

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